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Expressway goes Hollywood

Part of a Russell Crowe flick was filmed on the Uniontown-to-Brownsville link.

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A film crew mills around Monday along the Mon/Fayette Expressway in Uniontown. The Route 43 southbound lanes were closed all day for filming.
Submitted photo

Actors Russell Crowe and Elizabeth Banks were stopped at a tollbooth in Fayette County, where their vehicle was searched Monday.

But it was a film cast, not police, that conducted the search in one of the scenes filmed on the Mon/Fayette Expressway for the movie, "The Next Three Days."

Southbound Turnpike 43 between Brownsville and Uniontown – seven or eight miles – was closed from 11 p.m. Sunday until about 11 last night to accommodate the film crew.

Tom Fox, public information officer for the Mon/Fayette Expressway, said Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. inquired about using the roadway, which has been open to traffic for about a year.

"They wanted to film a few scenes, including a chase scene," Fox said. "They found a place they liked. It's a real nice bunch of people to work with. It's going to bring some attention to our area.

"It's a minor inconvenience to us and our customers. We thought of this as a chance to cooperate with these people. They remarked this is a very unique experience for them to have this road to do with what they want," he said.

The movie is a remake of a French film about a married couple whose life is turned upside down when the wife is accused of

(See EXPRESSWAY, Page 2A.)

Health industry: Everyone in the pool

Officials claim that fewer people in the system means higher prices for participants.

By ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON – The health insurance industry doesn't want Congress to let you off easy if you decide to ignore a proposed requirement that all Americans must have coverage.

Determined to get as many people as possible covered, lawmakers first proposed fines of as much as $3,800 per family for health insurance scofflaws.

But they have been steadily scaling back the penalties, with the Senate Finance Committee last week dropping them to $1,500 maximum per family in their version of a health care bill.

The committee also phased the penalties in over five years with no fines at all in the first year and eliminated all criminal and most civil punishments for failure to pay.

The industry – counting on millions of more Americans buying insurance – says the penalties are now so weak they practically beg to be ignored.

The result, the companies warn, is that people would wait until they get sick to buy coverage. That would raise premiums for everyone else, because Congress' health care overhaul would also require insurers to take all applicants.

"People will drop coverage and those who stay in would see rate shock," Karen Ignagni, president of America's Health Insurance Plans, the insurance industry trade group, said in an interview Monday.

Alissa Fox, a top lobbyist for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, said the Senate Finance Committee had "severely weakened" the proposed requirement to buy health insurance.

"It's become an aspirational goal, because it's a mandate with no penalty, and a mandate with no penalty is not a requirement," Fox said.

The proposed new so-called individual mandate requiring everyone to buy health coverage or pay a fine is at the center of all the health care bills taking shape on Capitol Hill. After opposing it during his campaign for president, President Barack Obama embraced it earlier this year as the most effective way to get everyone covered as long as hardship waivers were included.

Subsidies would be provided to help low-income people afford the coverage. But many Democrats and consumer groups have begun to argue that the subsidies are not generous enough and that middle-income people still wouldn't be able to afford health care.

"There's no doubt there's a trade-

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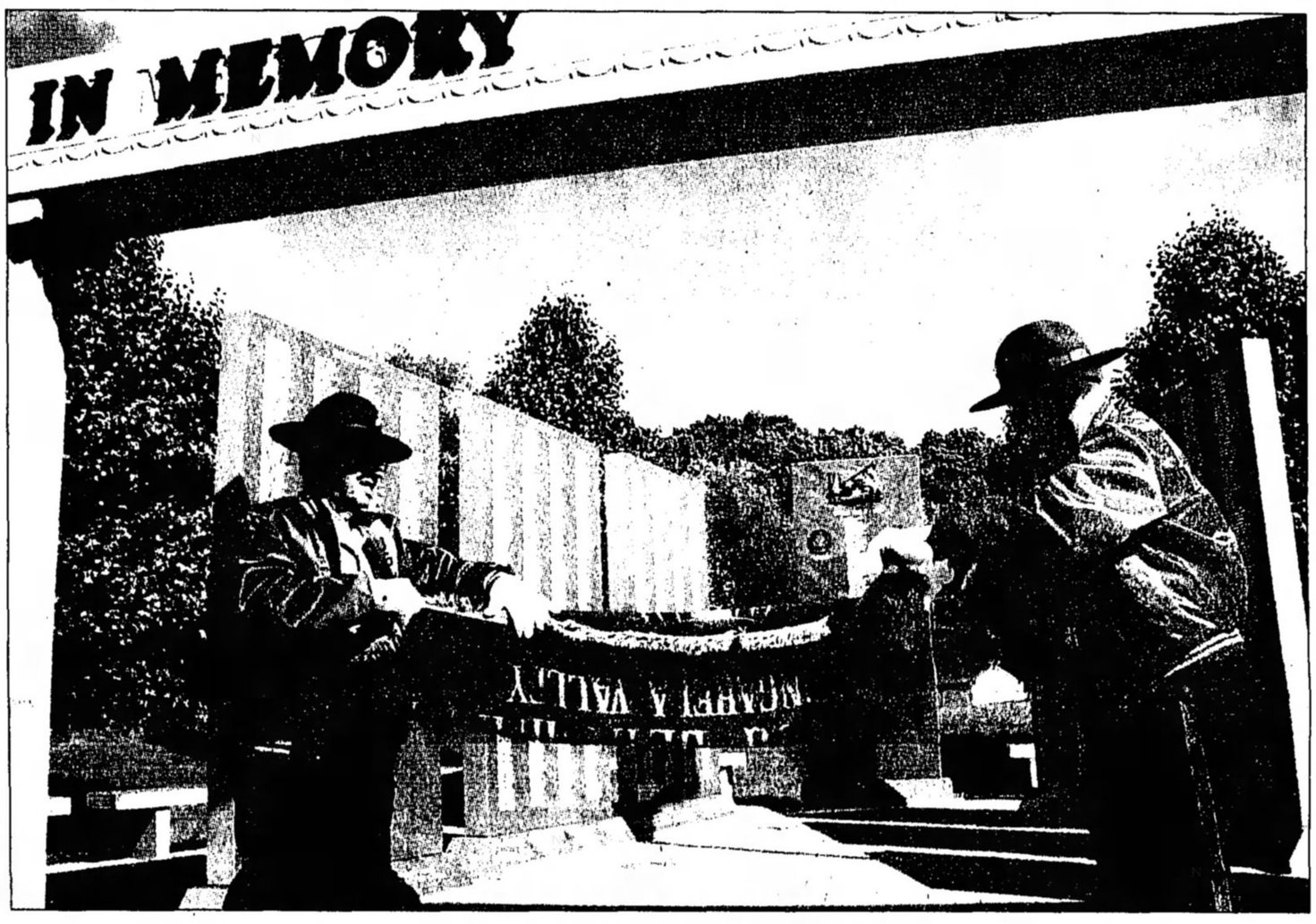
PASSING INTO HISTORY



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The Marine Corps League Devil Dog Detachment in Monessen has retired its banner and donated it to the Greater Monessen Historical Society. The flag will be displayed in the Monessen Heritage Museum on Donner Avenue. Member Mike Yusko said the detachment purchased the banner from the Philadelphia Flag Co. in 1946 for $375. The Devil Dog flag had been displayed at many parades and veterans' funerals from 1946 through this year. Yusko said he, Lou Falbo and Steve Thomas are the only active life members and World War II veterans in the Monessen-Belle Vernon area. Falbo and Yusko also are life members of the Washington County Marine Corps League. Above, Falbo, left, and Yusko fold the Devil Dog flag at the veterans memorial at Monessen City Park.

Senate expected to vote today on state budget bill

A pending lawsuit by doctors could result in big financial problems.

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HARRISBURG – The state Senate today is expected to approve a budget plan that trims some tax proposals from a deal that fell apart last week.

But a pending lawsuit could blow a $700 million hole in any 2009-10 spending plan if doctors can convince a judge the state is improperly using money from medical funds.

"That would throw everything into a real quandary," said House Appropriations Chairman Dwight Evans, D-Philadelphia.

As the budget impasse enters its 98th day today, Senate Republicans will consider a proposal worked out with Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell to spend $27.8 billion.

It eliminates levying the state sales tax on arts performances, which met stiff resistance in the House Democratic Caucus, and a severance tax on natural gas, which Senate Republicans oppose.

It would spend $100 million less than a deal announced on Sept. 18 that fell apart in the House Democratic Caucus. It eliminates an excise tax on cigars and smokeless tobacco, and a proposed tax on small games of chance.

Senate Republicans are annoyed House Democrats broke the previous deal so they are moving on their own track. House Democrats agree with the package, Evans said, but want to do it more quickly at a House-Senate Conference Committee.

"We're close to an agreement," Rendell said Monday. The remaining issue is the "procedure of how we now get it done," he said.

A potential land mine is the lawsuit filed in Commonwealth Court by the Pennsylvania Medical Society and a hospital group against the Department of Public Welfare and the Pennsylvania Office of Budget over two funds being used to balance the budget.

State officials propose pulling $100 million out of the M-Care Fund and $708 million from a fund fueled by a 25-cent-per-pack cigarette tax to balance the budget.

The medical society and the state

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House moving on table games

HARRISBURG – State House members are headed toward a final vote on a Democratic-penned bill to legalize and tax table games at Pennsylvania's slot-machine casinos.

A vote is scheduled today.

That's after two days of debate necessary to sort through proposed amendments, many of them written by Republicans who oppose the expansion of legal gambling.

Legalizing table games is a key element of lawmakers' efforts to find new tax revenue to offset the state government's huge, recession-driven revenue shortfall.

However, the bill faces numerous changes in the Senate.

Leaders of the Republican-controlled Senate favor legalizing and taxing table games, but they oppose some crucial aspects of the House bill.

One key area of disagreement is how high to set the state's tax rate on the casinos' take from poker, blackjack and the other games.

– *Associated Press*

VALLEY PEOPLE

Iconic food mag gone

It has long been considered the dean of culinary publications.

By The Associated Press

After nearly 70 years of fine eating, the lavish meal known as Gourmet magazine is over.

Conde Nast blamed the tough economic climate Monday when it told its staff it was closing the stalwart of the food media world, long considered the dean of culinary publishing.

"It's the center of gravity, a major planet that's just disappearing," said chef and author Anthony Bourdain, who said Gourmet was the first food publication to give him a chance as a writer.

"There's been a lot of speculation about this happening, but I'm still stunned."

Conde Nast also said it was shuttering Modern Bride, Elegant Bride and Cookie.

Earlier in the year it ceased publication of Portfolio, a business magazine, and Domino, a homes title. Sister Conde Nast publication Bon Appetit survived the cuts, and will likely absorb many of Gourmet's readers.

For those in the food world, the closure is a bit like waking up to find the old Life magazine had closed shop.

"It's certainly the grand dame of food magazines," said Tim Ryan, president of the Culinary Institute of America.

"We'll never see the likes of a Gourmet magazine in that form again."

Since 1999, Gourmet has been headed by Ruth Reichl, a doyenne of the food world and former New York Times restaurant critic. Reichl ushered the magazine firmly into the 21st century, overseeing launches of award-winning Web sites and television series.

More than just a cooking magazine, Gourmet explored the culture — and increasingly the politics — of food.

It was that connecting of the dots between policy, the environment and the dinner table that food writer Michael Pollan, author of "The Omnivore's Dilemma," most lamented losing.

"They were reaching an audience that wasn't sensitive to the political and ecological implications of their eating," he said in an e-mail.

Yesteryear

The Monessen Raven Athletic Association's 1956 Little League baseball team comprised, front row from left, Bill Kachmarik, Paul Parton, Rich Ceceilia, Thomas Hornack and John Pascarella; second row, unknown, Robert Hornack, Ron Chomko, Terry Husher, Gerry Francia and unknown; third row, John Tweardy, Gary Weibl and Coach Alex Kachmarik. The photo was submitted by Richard Cecelia, of Pittsburgh.

Weather

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 57 Low 43	High 63 Low 50	High 71 Low 49	High 60 Low 39	High 58 Low 40

The driver of this car was taken by emergency helicopter to a Pittsburgh-based hospital after it was struck by the tractor-trailer pictured at the entrance to Ductmate on Route 136 in Forward Township. Firefighters from Gallatin-Sunnyside and Bunola along with Jefferson Hills ambulance personnel and Forward Township police responded. No further details were available at presstime.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Expressway (FROM PAGE ONE)

murder.

Another scene called for cars to be searched at a toll booth.

"There is a toll booth there, which is why we're there," said Emma Cooper, publicist for the movie. "We needed access to a toll booth."

Fox said Lions Gate is picking up the tab for all missed tolls, maintenance and safety costs, as well as police and emergency services, for the 24-hour period.

"We came to an agreement and provided them an estimate," Fox said. "When all was said and done, we gave them a price of $25,000."

State police, local fire and emergency medical service directors, and turnpike maintenance and safety personnel provided traffic control and security during the closures.

Filming began in western Pennsylvania on Friday, and crews are expected to remain in the area until December.

"We're really lucky with this weather," Cooper said. "It's incredible. They're making the most of the sunshine."

Filming is scheduled for the Allegheny County Jail on Thursday and Friday and the Allegheny County Courthouse when the building is closed for Election Day.

"Obviously, this production is going to be here for several months," said Kevin Evanto, Allegheny County's executive spokesman. "They're employing lots of local people, spending money and so forth, so there is a benefit to the local economy."

The movie is one of three being filmed in the Pittsburgh area. "Unstoppable," a $100 million action film starring Denzel Washington and Rosario Dawson, started in July at Mogul Mind, a converted steel mill along the Allegheny River. Filming for "Love and Other Drugs," a drama starring Jake Gyllenhall and Anne Hathaway, is scheduled to run until December at Island Studios in McKees Rocks.

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Hospital and Health System Association say that plan is illegal.

In a Sept. 24 letter to lawmakers, Dr. Daniel J. Glunk, president of the medical society, condemned the proposal, calling it "legally wrong, bad public policy and a breach of faith with Pennsylvania patients and physicians."

Doctors say $150 million in the M-Care Fund came from premiums doctors paid to purchase catastrophic malpractice protection at the beginning of the decade.

The larger pot, known as the Health Care Provider Retention Program, came from the cigarette tax enacted to provide some relief to doctors and hospitals faced with soaring malpractice premiums.

The doctors and hospitals claim state officials allowed the cash in that pot to grow rather than disbursing it to reduce malpractice costs. In essence, medical professionals subsidized the fund, said Scot Chadwick, director of governmental affairs for the medical society.

The lawsuit filed last fall seeks to force the release of up to $616 million from the larger fund.

The groups filed an administrative appeal with the insurance commission seeking to have $150 million in the M-Care fund released to their members, claiming it came from them in the first place and should have been disbursed to reduce their malpractice premiums. That appeal is pending.

When state officials announced the money would be tapped to balance the state budget, the medical groups asked Commonwealth Court Judge Dan Pellegrini to prevent such action.

Chadwick said the court refused.

"We were told it was too soon, to come back after the budget passed," Chadwick said. "What happens to the budget if we win these suits and the money must be used for its intended purpose?"

"Obviously, I'm concerned about any lawsuit that adds unpredictability to a budget," Evans said. "But there's not much I can do about it until a court makes a ruling."

The Rendell administration declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Pool (FROM PAGE ONE)

off," between keeping down costs and getting more people covered, White House budget director Peter Orszag said Monday in an interview with The Associated Press.

That was a major issue for the Finance Committee as it wrapped up work last week on sweeping legislation to extend coverage to uninsured Americans and make major changes in the insurance market, such as barring insurers from charging women more or denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions.

A final amendment to the Finance Committee bill addressed the affordability issue by exempting millions more people from the requirement to buy insurance, reducing and phasing in the penalties and getting rid of most legal repercussions if you don't pay the penalties.

Originally, the bill required individuals and families to buy coverage as long as it cost no more than 10 percent of their income. Under the change, that would be lowered to 8 percent.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., acknowledged the result would be an estimated 2 million additional individuals and families going without insurance in comparison with the original bill.

Insurers say the changes made the mandate toothless. And they've long argued that the only way they can keep premiums down while implementing the consumer protections like not charging more to sick people is by making sure everyone is in the coverage pool.

"It might seem like they are solving the problem, but what happens is premiums for everyone are going to get more expensive in the new market," said Fox.

"It only works when everyone is in the pool," she added.

The Finance Committee is preparing for a final vote on its bill this week after which it will be merged with legislation from the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. In the House, lawmakers are working to meld health overhaul bills from three committees into one piece of legislation.

Insurers will be lobbying to strengthen the penalties. But on the other side, consumer groups say lawmakers still haven't gone far enough to address affordability concerns.

Senators say they're trying to balance the competing demands.

"We want to insure as many people as possible under this bill, but not in a way that forces people into plans they can't afford," said Schumer.

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Valley briefs

NBV man nabbed for burglary

Travis Kenny, 21, of 1007 Monongahela St., North Belle Vernon, was arrested Monday on a warrant for a burglary in April at the town's Dairy Queen.

He was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Charles Christner and placed in the Westmoreland County Detention Center after failing to post $10,000 straight cash bond.

A co-conspirator, Tad Naylor, was arrested in May.

Police allege they made entry through the back doors and into the office, where they allegedly took an undisclosed amount of money.

Food chain using digital coupons

Shop 'n Save stores have launched an all-digital coupon service that allows Perks card holders to get coupons on items they buy most often.

The chain of independently owned supermarkets said Monday that the new Shop 'n Save Perks Online digitally saves coupons to the cards, which also provide fuel savings.

Current card holders can log on to www.shopnsavefood.com and register by updating a personal profile, and the savings will be deducted automatically when they show their cards at checkout.

New members can apply online or at stores, and card holders also can sign up for e-mail alerts on deals and events. About 70 Shop 'n Save stores operate in Western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia.

Ex-ranch owner's bond revoked

An Allegheny County judge Monday ordered the former owner of the shuttered Tiger Ranch animal sanctuary to jail because she continues to have contact with cats.

Judge Jill E. Rangos revoked the bond of Lin Marie - formerly known as Linda Bruno - after hearing evidence that shows she's still buying food and litter.

A prosecutor and investigator said cats still were living at the 29-acre property in Frazer where about 470 animals were found sick and filthy last year, and that Marie's friends and supporters went to the property to burn unknown items and shoo away cats when police were dispatched to check it.

"No matter how you spin this, at a minimum it's suspicious," Rangos said.

Defense attorney Robert Hollister argued the cats at Tiger Ranch were likely feral and wandered in and out of the buildings through unlocked cat doors, and the supporters were not there at Marie's request.

Marie, 47, pleaded guilty in July to 12 counts of animal cruelty and two counts of tampering with public records in exchange for prosecutors dropping hundreds of other charges of animal cruelty connected to the sick and dying cats found at her ranch.

Judge Melvin

Judge Panella

Supreme Court candidates have contrasting styles

Two Superior Court judges seek vacancy on state's top court.

By PETER JACKSON
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HARRISBURG — Two Superior Court judges with contrasting styles are vying for an open seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in an election contest that could determine the partisan lineup on the state's highest court for the next five years.

Jack Panella, who in a recent speech recalled his freewheeling days as a lawyer representing such celebrities as former world heavyweight boxing champion Larry Holmes, comes across as friendly and eager to please.

Joan Orie Melvin is more businesslike and has a combative streak. She achieved notoriety by refusing to accept the judicial pay raise that emerged from the 2005 legislative pay-raise mess and continues to return to the state treasury the after-tax portion of all salary increases granted since then.

Panella, a Northampton County Democrat, and Melvin, an Allegheny County Republican, are similar in other ways. They are both in their 50s. Both labored as county judges for years before being elevated to the Superior Court. And each of them won the top "highly recommended" rating from the state bar review panel.

The Supreme Court contest is the main attraction in the Nov. 3 statewide election that also will decide races for four open seats on the Superior Court and two on the Commonwealth Court.

In all, 15 judges and lawyers are running for the appellate bench. All were born between 1950 and 1970. Ten of the candidates are women, and eight of them work in Pittsburgh.

The annual salary for Supreme Court justices is currently $186,450, and judges on the Superior and Commonwealth courts are paid $175,923. The presiding judges are paid slightly more.

A Melvin victory in the Supreme Court race would restore the one-seat majority the GOP lost in 2007, while a Panella win could sustain the Democrats' 4-3 edge for five years. No other changes in the court's makeup are anticipated before 2014, when Chief Justice Ronald Castille will reach the mandatory retirement age of 70.

How much that matters is an open question.

Some observers consider the court's political balance a potentially crucial factor in the decennial redrawing of legislative districts — like the one that will follow the 2010 census. But lawyers in both parties familiar with the process noted that the justices have not overturned any of the legislative redistricting plans crafted by bipartisan panels under a constitutional amendment approved in 1968.

The partisan lineup is "less significant than both parties are making it appear," said Gregory Harvey, a Philadelphia lawyer who often represents Democrats in court cases involving election law.

"It's overstated," agreed Stephen C. MacNett, the state Senate GOP's top lawyer. "You've had four plans written and four plans upheld."

Panella has the edge in fundraising. His campaign took in nearly $1.2 million through mid-September, with more than half coming from political committees representing Philadelphia trial lawyers and organized labor. He was unopposed for the Democratic nomination in the May primary.

Melvin had raised only $418,000, including $100,000 from the Philadelphia trial lawyers, and spent much of that in a three-way primary fight.

Asked to describe their judicial philosophies, Panella said he strives to ensure that the interest of every litigant is fairly considered before a decision is rendered, while Melvin said she believes the appellate courts' job is to interpret existing law and not to create new law.

Panella asserted that Melvin has said on the campaign trial she has sought to limit litigation involving businesses and that she has applied an "overly stringent standard of review and utilized her discretion to bar certain litigants from the court system." He declined to be more specific.

"I have never said that," Melvin responded.

"I go where the law leads me," and that review allows some cases to go forward

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Lockups brace for flu

Prison officials taking precautions to protect inmates and staff in the coming months.

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Concern over the flu epidemic has prison officials ready to take precautions to protect staff and inmates in the coming months.

Inmates in the state corrections system could be vaccinated later in the year, while staff and prisoners in local jails such as the Westmoreland County Prison are being told to wash their hands and sneeze into their arms.

Stacy Kriedeman, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Department of Health, said H1N1 flu vaccinations initially will not be offered for the general prison population, but as supplies become more plentiful later in the year, staff and inmates could have access to the inoculations.

"We encourage prisons to offer the vaccine as soon as it becomes available," Kriedeman said.

Precautions for the H1N1 flu vary among county jails and state prisons, but officials at all the corrections facilities contacted Monday said spread of the illness is on their radar and educating inmates and staff is a must.

"We've been dealing with this pandemic for a while. We're educating our inmates; we have hand sanitizers placed around all of our institutions," said Susan McNaughton, spokeswoman for the state Department of Corrections.

She said the H1N1 vaccine will be available to state corrections health care workers and high-risk inmates to mirror the distribution program for the general public. The initial supply of vaccines are expected to be available later this month.

After the initial vaccinations are administered and more supplies are available, all state corrections staff and inmates will be offered the immunizations.

"Remember, the vaccine is voluntary. If people don't want it, it won't be given to them," McNaughton said in an e-mail.

Educational programs to alert staff and inmates about the flu and how to recognize the illness already are taking place.

Kriedeman said prisons should teach staff precautions for the illness, evaluate all incoming inmates for the flu and segregate those believed to be infected. In addition, visitors should be kept away from the lockups.

"Staff with influenza should stay home," Kriedeman said.

In Allegheny County, staff members at the county jail are among the first in line to receive H1N1 vaccinations, according to Warden Ramon Rustin.

No vaccinations are planned for Westmoreland County Prison staff or inmates.

Warden John Walton said anti-bacterial soap will be available to guards and inmates, who are being told to sneeze and cough into their hands and arms to avoid the spread of the flu.

"Our doctor doesn't seem to think it is that big a deal, although we're still stressing all the precautions," Walton said.

Fayette County Prison officials could not be reached for comment.

Police say toddler used in theft

A Washinghton Township couple is accused of using their 3-year-old daughter to shield a computer they were stealing from Walmart, state police in Uniontown said.

Jessica Lynn Henderson, 24, and Derek James Vivio, 27, both of 32 Marion Villa, located in the Arnold City section of the township, have been charged with retail theft, receiving stolen property and criminal conspiracy stemming from the incident on Sept. 28 at the Walmart in South Union Township in Fayette County.

Both were captured on the store's surveillance video system loading a Dell Touch Zone computer into a shopping cart, police said. Their daughter shielded the item by lying on top of the computer as they pushed the cart through the exit doors, police said. They got into a vehicle and drove away. police said.

Vivio was identified by a Walmart security employee after the surveillance video was reviewed and police interviewed the couple. They admitted committing the crime and using their daughter to help them steal the $848 computer, police said.

THE QUIZ

NEWSFACE:

A native of Mississippi, I had a storied career as the quarterback of the Green Bay Packers. I played for the team for 16 seasons, racking up a slew of records. I won the Most Valuable Player award three times, and led my team to two Super Bowls. I retired in 2007 but changed my mind and found the Packers were unwilling to bring me back. This year I signed on with one of the Packers' greatest rivals, the Minnesota Vikings, causing outrage among some of my former fans. On Monday, I was set to play for the Vikings against my former team for the first time. Who am I?

1. China is celebrating the ..?.. anniversary of the communist People's Republic.
___20th ___100th ___60th ___10th

2. Two new studies indicate about 1 in 100 children have disorders relating to (CHOOSE ONE: diabetes, autism) — higher than previously thought.

3. Late night talk show host ..?.. shocked his viewers last week with a story of blackmail and a personal confession.

4. The Pittsburgh Steelers opened a 28-point lead before holding on to beat the (CHOOSE ONE: San Diego Chargers, Indianapolis Colts) 38-28 Sunday night.

5. The government of ..?.. said it will allow U.N. inspectors to visit its recently disclosed nuclear facility later this month.

NEWSPLACE:

This South American city is one of the most beautiful vacation destinations in the world, but is plagued with crime and poverty. Officials here hope the city's fortunes will turn around with the news last week that this city has been chosen to host the 2016 Olympics. Many Americans were stunned that Chicago, also in the running, wasn't chosen. But others note that this is the first time a Latin American country has been chosen to host an Olympics. Name this city.

6. The Senate ..?.. Committee led by Montana Democrat Max Baucus voted not to include a public option in their long-awaited version of a healthcare reform bill.

7. A suicide bomber disguised as a security officer killed five people at a U.N. food agency in (CHOOSE ONE: Afghanistan, Pakistan).

8. The Nobel Prize in (CHOOSE ONE: Literature, Medicine) has been awarded to three Americans.

9. American tennis great ..?.. fell to Russian teenager Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova for the second time in a week in the second round of the China Open.

10. According to an annual U.N. report, ..?.. is the best place in the world to live while Niger is the least desirable.
___Sweden ___Germany ___the United States ___Norway

ANSWERS

NEWSFACE: Brett Favre *(3 points for correct answer)*
NEWSPLACE: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil *(10 points for correct answer)*
(5 points for each correct answer)
1-60th; 2-autism; 3-David Letterman; 4-San Diego Chargers; 5-Iran; 6-Finance; 7-Pakistan; 8-Medicine; 9-Venus Williams; 10-Norway

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DEATH NOTICES

CARPENELLI — Helen (Molek) Carpenelli, of Scenery Hill, on Sunday, Oct. 4. Thompson-Marodi Funeral Home Inc., Bentleyville.

COPE — Olive Mac Cope, 88, on Sunday, Oct. 4. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.*

DOLNACK — James C. Dolnack, 77, of Donora, on Friday, Oct. 2. Anthony L Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.*

FUNDY — Attilio F. Fundy, 81, of Vallejo, California, on Wednesday, Sept. 30. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

HOUSEHOLDER — Richard Edward Householder, 82, of Malden, on Sunday, Oct. 4. Mariscotti Funeral Home, California.*

HUTCHKO — Emma Hutchko, 88, of Monongahela, on Monday, Oct. 5. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

LACKNER — Alexander L. Lackner, 81, of Pricedale, on Saturday, Oct. 3. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.*

LUTES — Betty Mae (Mitchner) Lutes, of Bentleyville, on Saturday, Oct. 3. Thompson-Marodi Funeral Home Inc., Bentleyville.

STACK — Stanley A. Stack, 90, of Schenectady, N.Y., formerly of Donora, on Friday, Oct. 2. Anthony L Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.*

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WERRE – Gene H. Werre, 64, of Long Branch, on Sunday, Oct. 4. Dalfonso-Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
HENDRY, Barbara G.*
*** See death notice**

Olive Mac Cope
Fayette City

Olive Mac Cope, 88, of Fayette City, passed from this life on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009, in her residence with her family by her side. She was born June 19, 1921, in Fayette City, daughter of the late John Lindey and Phyllis Davies Lindey. She was employed as a seamstress during World War II and later became a homemaker. Surviving are her husband of 67 years, Paul "Gus" Cope, whom she married on Feb.14,1942; son, the Rev. Paul G. Cope, pastor of Mars Alliance Church, and wife Connie Schleh Cope of Mars; two daughters, the Rev. Donna Lee Hoover, pastor of Abide in the Vine Fellowship, and husband the Rev. Fred Hoover of Apalachin, N.Y.; and adopted daughter, Dawn Hickey LaFrate of Clinton Township, Mich.; 11 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two infant daughters, Sandra Cope and Karen Cope; two brothers, Lewis Lindey and Stanley Lindey; and three sisters, Mary Jolley, Lavina Jones and Phyllis Hickey. Friends will be received in the ELEY/MCCRORY FUNERAL HOME, INC., Main St, Fayette City, today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Additional viewing will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Fayette City Alliance Church. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. in the church with Pastor Bryan Cinch officiating. Interment will follow in the Belle Vernon Cemetery, Belle Vernon. www.eleymccroryfuneral-home.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyin-dependent.com.

James C. Dolnack
Donora

James C. Dolnack, 77, of Donora, died on Friday, Oct. 2, 2009, at Four Oaks Personal Care Home in Monongahela. He was born Tuesday, March 29, 1932, in Webster, the son of the late George and Mary (Gettko) Dolnack. He was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora and the American Legion Ernest E. Jobes Post 212. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving as an MP during the Korean Conflict. He received the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. James was a 1949 graduate of Rostraver High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in education from California University of PA and a master of arts degree from West Virginia University. He taught for 31 years with the Brentwood School District. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Elizabeth and JoAnn Dolnack. Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Evelyn (Voytas) Dolnack; a brother, George (Maryanne) Dolnack of Gap, Pa.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Private funeral services and Interment were held at the convenience of the family. The ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME was entrusted with the arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyin-dependent.com.

Attilio F. Fundy
Vallejo, Calif.

Attilio F. Fundy, 81, of Vallejo, California, died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009. Born July 10, 1928, in Monessen, he was the son of the late John and Assunta Santoro Fundy. A resident of Vallejo, Mr. Fundy was a retired Sub Foreman from Pacific Gas and Electric Co. He is survived by a daughter, Rozan Fundy Perry of Vallejo; brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Betty Fundy of North Belle Vernon; two sisters and brother-in-law, Loretta and Michael Hadjantoni of Warren, Michigan, and Mary Praskavich of South Park; grandson, Milton Mathias Perry III and wife, Carrie of Vallejo; and a great-granddaughter, Addie Ella Perry. He was preceded in death by a brother, Frank Fundy; two sisters, Eleanor Mancuso and Delilah Stipoli; and a son-in-law, Milton M. Perry. Visitation will be held Thursday, Oct. 8, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, Family Owned and Operated, 626 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon, 724-929-6183. A prayer service will be held Friday, Oct. 9, 2009, at 9:15 a.m. in the funeral home followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church with the Rev. Lawrence L. Manchas, pastor, as Celebrant. Interment will take place in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Members of St. Sebastian Parish will pray the rosary for the departed soul of Attilio Fundy on Thursday at 3 p.m. and the North Belle Vernon Fire Department will conduct services Thursday evening at 7 p.m., both in the funeral home. Condolences accepted at the funeral homes web site, www.parzynskifuneral-home.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyin-dependent.com.

Barbara Garcia Hendry
Belle Vernon

Barbara Garcia Hendry, 83, of Belle Vernon, formerly of Elizabeth Township, died Friday, Oct. 2, 2009, in Arden Court, Jefferson Hills. She was born Sept. 20, 1926, in McKeesport, a daughter of the late John Lovas and Esther (Chomas) Lovas. She worked as a sales clerk for 30 years, retiring from Sears Roebuck in West Mifflin. Surviving are a daughter, Joyce Alvarez and husband Tony of Belle Vernon; and a son, Ron Garcia and wife Robin of Largo, Fla.; four grandchildren, Brad (Donna) Garcia of Cranberry Township, Angela Garcia of Athens, Ga., Anthony Alvarez of Belle Vernon, and Stephanie Alvarez of Phoenix, Az.; two great-grandchildren, Alex and Zachary Garcia; and nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Hendry. Friends will be received Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the PAUL E. BEKAVAC FUNERAL HOME, 221 Second St., Elizabeth. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. William Heaton officiating. Interment in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Elizabeth Township. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 1100 Liberty Ave., Suite E-201, Pittsburgh, PA.15222. www.bekavacfuneralhome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyin-dependent.com.

Richard Edward Householder
Malden

Richard Edward Householder, 82, of Malden, Centerville Borough, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009. He was born Sunday, Nov. 21, 1926, in Elizabeth, a son of the late Edward E. and Evelyn (Groves) Householder. Richard retired as Area Chief of the Monongahela River after 42 years of service with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Pittsburgh District. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in the Korean Conflict. Richard attended the California State College and was a Boy Scout Leader with Troop No. 636 in Brownsville for many years. He was a member and a past president of the board of trustees of the South Brownsville United Methodist Church. He was a member of Monongahela Valley Lodge No. 461 F&AM of Pennsylvania, Valley of Pittsburgh Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Herminie Council No.196 Juniors, O.U.A.M. He was also a former member of South Brownsville Fire Company and member of the Charleroi Elks. Richard enjoyed playing golf and was a member of several golf leagues in Pennsylvania and Florida. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Householder. Richard was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and is survived by his wife, Audrey (Sager) Householder and their three children, R. Scott Householder and wife, Sherry, of Brownsville, Gary Householder and wife, Laurie, of Elizabeth Township and Holly Stack and husband, Philip, of Olney, Maryland. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Brian Householder, Rachel Householder, Amy Householder and Kali Bowen; his sister, Gayle Prentice of Wichita, Kansas; sisters-in-law, Esther Householder of Oakland, Md., Donna Thompson of Zelienople, and Francine Sager of Torrance, Calif.; as well as many nieces and nephews. Friends will be received in the MARISCOTTI FUNERAL HOME INC., Anthony N. Mariscotti, Supervisor, 323 Fourth Street, California, Pa., on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and until 11 a.m. on Thursday, when funeral services will be held in the funeral home with the Rev. David Chinn officiating. Interment will follow in LaFayette Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the South Brownsville United Methodist Church, 412 Second St., Brownsville, PA 15417.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyin-dependent.com.

Emma Hutchko
Monongahela

Emma Hutchko of Monongahela, died Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, in her home. Born Jan. 16, 1921, in Monongahela, she was the daughter of the late Ferdinand and Elizabeth (Durda) Balogh. Emma retired in 1960 as a operator for the Bell Telephone Co., she was a member of Transfiguration Catholic Church in Monongahela, and a 1939 graduate of Monongahela High School. Surviving are her husband, George Hutchko, whom she married July 26,1952; many nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Irene Procratsy of Finleyville. Preceding her in death were her two brothers, William and Fred Balogh; two sisters, Cornelia Ball and Irene Ellsworth; a nephew, Patrick Kalenic; and her precious companion, Socks the cat. Friends will be received at the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess Street, (724-258-6767) Monongahela, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Transfiguration Catholic Church on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009, at 10 a.m. with Father George Chortos, pastor, as Celebrant. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery. Contributions can be made to either Albert Gallatin Hospice, 100 Stoops Drive, Charleroi, PA 15022, or the Monongahela Area Library, 813 West Main St. Monongahela, PA 15063.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyin-dependent.com.

Alexander L. Lackner Sr.
Pricedale

Alexander L. Lackner Sr., 81, of Pricedale, died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, in his residence. He was born Dec. 27, 1927, in Bentleyville, son of the late Joseph L. Lackner Sr. and Suzanna Seninek Lackner. He was a U.S. Marine and Navy veteran of World War II. Surviving are a daughter, Alexis Hepple of Fort Hill; a sister, Veronica Marraccini of Monongahela; daughter-in-law, Brenda Lee Lackner of Pricedale; four grandchildren, Thomas Hepple, Christopher Hepple, Laura Lackner Louis and Jennifer Lackner; and three great-grandchildren, Thomas Hepple, Tanner Hepple, Erica Lackner. He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Alexis Lackner. Arrangements were handled by the ELEY/MCCRORY FUNERAL HOME INC., Fayette City.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyin-dependent.com.

Stanley A. Stack
Schenectady, N.Y.
Formerly of Donora

Stanley A. Stack, 90, of Schenectady, N.Y., formerly of Donora, died on Friday, Oct. 2, 2009, in The Avenue Nursing and Rehabilitation Home in Schenectady after a brief illness. He was born Stanislaus Stykowski on Friday, Aug. 22, 1919, in Donora, the son of Frank and Marie (Stykowski) Stack. Stanley was a coal miner, construction worker and then a steelworker with U.S. Steel in Donora and later McKeesport. He was a member of the former Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church and most recently Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, whom he married on Dec. 12, 1943, Laura Alvarez Stack, in 2005; a sister, Sophie; and four brothers, Mike, John, Tony and Bill Stack. Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ricardo and Mary Ellen Stack of Guilderland N.Y., with whom he resided since 2007; grandchildren, Brian and Elaine (Stack) Taylor of Schenectady, and Margaret Laura Stack of Guilderland, N.Y.; great-granddaughters, Kelley Briana Taylor, Emma Amelia Taylor and Bridget Laura Taylor, all of Schenectady; twin sister, Stella Janney of Rostraver Township; a nephew and niece, Ron and Christine Janney of Rostraver Township, who were always there for him in his later years in Donora; also many other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Friends will be received on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second Street Extension, Donora, PA 15033 (724) 379-6900 where funeral services will be held on Thursday, Oct., 8, at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Father Pierre Falkenhan officiating. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery, Monongahela.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyin-dependent.com.

Morris C. Tedrow
Charleroi

Morris C. Tedrow, 93, of Charleroi, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009, in the Mon Valley Hospital. He was born Feb. 18, 1916, in Charleroi, a son of Charles and Ann Dillner Tedrow. Mr. Tedrow was a 1934 graduate of Charleroi High School. After 46 years of service he retired in 1981 from Allegheny Power, Carroll Township, as an electrician. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family. Surviving are a daughter, Jerilyn Cottom and her husband, Ellsworth of Great Falls, Va.; two sons, Jack Tedrow of Hemlock, Mich., and James Tedrow and his wife, Ann of Salisbury, Md.; one brother, James Tedrow of Illinois; one sister, Jean Ciavarra of Fayette City; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Deceased, in addition to his wife, Wilda Harris Tedrow, who died March 4, 2005; are two brothers, Howard and Charles Tedrow; and three sisters, Katherine Winter, Maythen Duvall and Margaret Tedrow. Friends will be received on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the GREENLEE FUNERAL HOME, 619 Main Street, Bentleyville. Interment will be private. Online guest book and personal condolences may be accessed at www.GreenleeFuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyin-dependent.com.

Gene H. Werre
Long Branch

Gene H. Werre, 64, of Long Branch, passed away Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009. Arrangements will be announced by the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION INC., 441 Reed Avenue, Monessen, in Wednesday's edition. www.dalfonso-billick.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyin-dependent.com.

In Memory of
Heleen Jonas
In loving memory of our beloved daughter, Heleen Jonas, who passed away 1 year ago today, October 6, 2008.
Memories are treasures no one can steal, death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Loved dearly in life and living yet, in the hearts of the ones who will never forget.
Sadly missed and loved by mother, Mary Pearce; father, Michael Sabolchick; sister, Mary Force; brothers, Michael & Stephen Sabolchick

In Memory To My Husband
Marion (Knute) Ray
October 6, 2009
This would be our 53rd Wedding Anniversary. Time can't stop the heartache, nor stop the tears, or take away the memories of the love we shared for years. I never wished for miracles, but today, just one would do:
To open up my door and see you walking through. Sadly missed and loved.
By Wife Alberta

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Joseph Dalfonso, Monessen

The following preliminary hearings were conducted Friday before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso:

■ Joseph D. Jacobs, 55, of 13 Degreroy Circle, Republic; charged with DUI and driving under suspension Aug. 31 on Route 201 near McDonald's. The case was waived to court.

■ Henry Piscar, 40, of 1360 Conway St., Greensburg; charged with false identification to law enforcement Oct. 19, 2007, at Walmart. The case was waived to court.

■ Brian Clausner, 33, of 82 Pennsylvania Boulevard, Monessen; charged with harassment and criminal mischief July 28 at 80 Pennsylvania Boulevard. The case was waived to court.

■ Dawn Milholland, 41, of 531 Summit St., Hibbs; charged with retail theft and criminal conspiracy July 20 at the Giant Eagle in Rostraver Township. The case was waived to court.

■ William L. Keener Jr., no age listed, of 151 Somer St., Pricedale; charged with writing a bad check July 4. The case was waived to court.

■ A warrant was issued for Jon E. Weber, 44, of 1213 McClelland Drive, McKeesport, for failure to appear at his preliminary hearing.

He is accused of using fake traveler's checks at Long John Silvers on Aug. 15, at Radio Shack, Ollies, Peebles and Payless Shoes on Aug. 18, and at McDonalds on Aug. 25.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, Weber allegedly convinced the store clerks the checks he was using were traveler's checks. He then purchased merchandise, wrote the checks out for $50 or $100, and then obtained cash back.

He is charged with multiple counts of bad checks, theft by deception and receiving stolen property.

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Judges
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and stops others, she said. "I will say this — that my philosophy of not being an activist and not being results-oriented is the way judges should be."

The vacant seat Panella and Melvin hope to fill is currently held by Justice Jane Cutler Greenspan, a Democrat appointed to complete the term of the late Chief Justice Ralph Cappy after he retired in early 2008. Greenspan agreed as a condition of her appointment not to seek a full 10-year term.

This is Melvin's second bid for the Supreme Court. In 2003, she narrowly lost to Democrat Max Baer.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 6, the 279th day of 2009. There are 86 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Oct. 6, 1939, during World War II, as remaining military resistance in Poland crumbled, Adolf Hitler delivered a speech to the Reichstag in which he blamed the Poles for the Nazi-Soviet invasion of their country and denied having any intention of war against France and Britain.

On this date:

■ In 1683, 13 families from Krefeld, Germany, arrived in Philadelphia to begin Germantown, one of America's oldest settlements.

■ In 1884, the Naval War College was established in Newport, R.I.

■ In 1927, the era of talking pictures arrived with the opening of "The Jazz Singer," starring Al Jolson.

■ In 1949, President Harry S Truman signed the Mutual Defense Assistance Act, providing $1.3 billion in military aid to NATO countries.

■ In 1969, the New York Mets won the first-ever National League Championship Series, defeating the Atlanta Braves, 7-4, in Game 3; the Baltimore Orioles won the first-ever American League Championship Series, defeating the Minnesota Twins 11-2 in Game 3.

■ In 1973, war erupted in the Middle East as Egypt and Syria attacked Israel during the Yom Kippur holiday.

■ In 1976, in his second debate with Jimmy Carter, President Gerald R. Ford asserted there was "no Soviet domination of eastern Europe." (Ford later conceded he'd misspoken.)

■ In 1979, Pope John Paul II, on a weeklong U.S. tour, became the first pontiff to visit the White House, where he was received by President Jimmy Carter.

■ In 1981, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was shot to death by extremists while reviewing a military parade.

■ **Ten years ago**: In Mexico, torrential rains sent swollen rivers raging through the streets of the Gulf Coast city of Villahermosa and caused mudslides; dozens of deaths were reported in eastern Mexico's coastal mountain ranges. The NFL awarded its newest franchise to Houston instead of Los Angeles, leaving the second-largest TV market in the nation without a football team.

■ **Five years ago**: The top U.S. arms inspector in Iraq, Charles Duelfer, reported finding no evidence Saddam Hussein's regime had produced weapons of mass destruction after 1991. The Senate approved an intelligence reorganization bill endorsed by the Sept. 11th Commission. Israelis Aaron Ciechanover and Avram Hershko and American Irwin Rose won the Nobel Prize in chemistry.

■ **One year ago**: As Wall Street reeled and global markets plunged, President George W. Bush said the U.S. economy was going to be "just fine" in the long run, but cautioned that the massive rescue plan would take time to work.

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U.S. Marine 1st Lt. Aiden Katz, of Queens, N.Y., right, with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion 5th Marines, walks with Afghan National Army local commander Lt. Mohammed Hussein Monday in southern Afghanistan.

White House says no Afghanistan pullout

Robert Gates hasn't said if he supports expansion of U.S. forces by nearly 60 percent.

By ANNE GEARAN and LARA JAKES
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON – Defense Secretary Robert Gates appealed Monday for calm amid intense administration debate over the flagging war in Afghanistan, asking for time and privacy for the president to come to a decision – an apparent message to the commanding U.S. general there who has pressed publicly for more American troops.

Gates' careful remarks appeared to stand as an implicit rebuke of the man he helped install as the top commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, for his lobbying as President Barack Obama faced a critical week of decision over whether to escalate the Afghan war.

In two separate appearances Monday, Gates made the point that Obama needs elbow room to make strategy decisions about the war — as the internal White House debate went increasingly public.

"It is important that we take our time to do all we can to get this right," Gates said at an Army conference. "In this process, it is imperative that all of us taking part in these deliberations — civilians and military alike — provide our best advice to the president candidly but privately."

Later, speaking alongside Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Gates praised McChrystal and said no matter what Obama decides the general will execute it faithfully.

The fierce Taliban attack that killed eight American soldiers over the weekend added to the pressure. The assault overwhelmed a remote U.S. outpost where American forces have been stretched thin in battling insurgents, underscoring the appeal from the top Afghanistan commander for as many as 40,000 additional forces — and at the same time reminding the nation of the costs of war.

Gates has not said whether he supports McChrystal's recommendation to expand the number of U.S. forces by as much as nearly 60 percent. He is holding that request in his desk drawer while Obama sorts through competing recommendations and theories from some of his most trusted advisers.

"I believe that the decisions that the president will make for the next stage of the Afghanistan campaign will be among the most important of his presidency," Gates told the Army conference.

In trying to blunt the impression that the White House and military are at odds, Gates did not name names. But his remarks came days after McChrystal bluntly warned in London that Afghan insurgents are gathering strength. Any plan that falls short of stabilizing Afghanistan "is probably a shortsighted strategy," the general said, and he called openly for additional resources.

That prompted Obama's national security adviser, retired four-star Gen. James Jones, to say Sunday that military advice is best provided "up through the chain of command."

Obama may take weeks to decide whether to add more troops, but the idea of pulling out isn't on the table as a way to deal with a war nearing its ninth year, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said.

"I don't think we have the option to leave. That's quite clear," Gibbs said.

The question of whether to further escalate the conflict after adding 21,000 U.S. troops earlier this year is a major decision facing Obama and senior administration policy advisers this week.

Obama also invited a bipartisan group of congressional leaders to the White House today to confer about the war. And Obama will meet twice this week with his top national security advisers.

Divided on Afghanistan, Congress takes up a massive defense spending bill this week even before the president settles on a direction for the war.

Gates and Clinton said Monday the goal for the war remains to disrupt al-Qaida and prevent it from again threatening the United States.

POLICE LOG

Monongahela

■ Christopher John Henry, 37, of 3459 Washington Ave., Apt. 4, Finleyville, was charged with public drunkenness and disorderly conduct, 3:30 a.m. today on Washington Avenue, police reported.

State police, Belle Vernon

■ Alexander A. Dean, 22, of Coal Center, and Johnathan C. Wallace, 22, of Daisytown, told police that someone attempted to rob them at knifepoint 6:55 p.m. Thursday at Red's Auto Sales in Bentleyville.

Police said a white male, approximately six feet tall, 18 to 25 years old, weighing from 160 to 170 pounds, fled the scene without taking anything from Dean and Wallace.

Police said the suspected robber has bleached blond hair, both ears pierced and a lip ring. He was wearing a black and white flannel shirt, police said.

■ Daniel Glenn Greene, 45, of Bentleyville, told police a man tried to rob him at 8:55 p.m. Thursday in the Polish Club parking lot in Bentleyville. Greene told police that the "lanky" man grabbed him from behind as he was getting in his truck and dragged him to the ground, demanding his wallet. Greene told police he was able to free himself and get back into the club. Greene told police that the man, who was armed with a knife, ran into a wooded area. He described the alleged assailant as being six feet tall, in his mid-20s, wearing a red bandana over his face.

■ Police said someone used checks stolen from Deborah Shaw, of Scenery Hill, at two locations from Sept. 1 to 21. Police said seven checks reported stolen from Shaw's vehicle were used at Giant Eagle stores in Bentleyville and South Strabane on Sept. 20 and 21, respectively.

■ Randy Kerns, no age listed, of Bentleyville, was charged with public drunkenness after an incident 10:26 p.m. Wednesday on Johnston Road in Bentleyville, police said.

■ Pablo Hernandez, 38, of Bentleyville, was charged with disorderly conduct after an incident 2:10 a.m. Thursday at Bentleyville Apartments in Bentleyville, police said.

State police, Greensburg

■ Timothy D. Franken, no age listed, of Smithton, told police that Bruce W. Grimm, no age listed, of West Newton, threw a metal chair at his vehicle that went through the window and struck him in the eye. Police said the incident occurred at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20 on Thrush Lane, Sewickley Pines Manor, Sewickley Township. Grimm was charged with simple assault, police said.

California

■ Kathy Sue Brown, 49, of California, was charged with DUI, theft of a firearm, receiving stolen property, firearms not to be carried without a license, simple assault and recklessly endangering another person after a domestic incident at 5:40 p.m. Sept. 20 on Green Street, police said.

George C. Kuvinka, 59, of California, was charged with simple assault and recklessly endangering another person stemming from the same incident, according to police.

■ Clay A. Yarborough, 18, of South Park, was charged with retail theft and underage drinking after he allegedly took $4.79 worth of merchandise from the Kwik-Fill at 12:25 a.m. Monday, police said.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $225,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $225,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Monday's game.

Lottery officials said 63 players matched four numbers and won $245 each; 2,258 players matched three numbers and won $11.50 each; and 28,656 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

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NIGHT PICK 3:	0-8-7
DAY PICK BIG 4:	0-1-5-9
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	9-9-7-1
DAY QUINTO:	2-4-2-8-0
NIGHT QUINTO:	0-9-3-4-9
TREASURE HUNT:	2-4-9-17-22
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OHIO — DAILY NUMBERS

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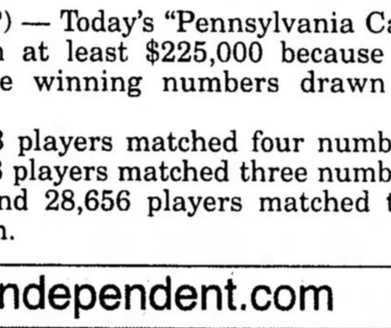

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OUR OPINION

No hope left for beaten Bucs

FOR YEARS, Pirates' fans — SUCKERS! — have been hoping, cheering and praying for a the Buccos to break even.

Over 17 years — the time needed to establish a futility record for franchises in America's four major sports — there has been nary a whisper about a winning season. Well, maybe in 1997 and 1999, but that's it.

The goal has always been .500. Team officials claim they are out to win, but they are a bunch of fibbers.

That all changed during the G-20 Summit, when the smattering of fans who peppered PNC Park one sad night began to collectively pray — either for 99 losses or Carla Bruni-Sarkozy bobblehead dolls. Ninety-nine losses in one season is one less than 100 losses, the greatest embarrassment that can befall a Major League baseball team. Carla Bruni-Sarkozy is the wife of French President Nicolas Sarkozy, and she is hotter than any Pirates' team since Barry Bonds and Bobby Bonilla left town.

The fibbers would like us to believe the G-20 Summit — traffic, security and all — held down attendance that night. But in truth, many Pirates' fans have surrendered.

They live in a region where the Steelers win Super Bowls, the Penguins win Stanley Cups, and both are always out to win. They deserve adulation. For nearly two decades with the Pirates, fans have seen only failed rebuilding plans and salary dumps. They have had only shreds of decency on which to hang — Jason Bay's rookie season is one — and the good times have been too few.

It has been nearly impossible to build hope on the emergence of Andrew McCutchen or the surprise season of Garrett Jones.

Fans will still come out for post-game fireworks and concerts. However, if the fibbers want to lure baseball fans back to PNC Park, it will take something else: excellence at bat, in the field and on the mound. If that is not the goal — the real goal — they might as well send Kevin McClatchey out to Sacramento to see if anyone there is still interested in a Major League Baseball team. Because the team in Pittsburgh has been something less, and it is not one that real baseball fans can love any longer.

For decades, the battle cry was "Beat 'em Bucs." Now it's just beaten Bucs.

Will reform cut health costs? Don't bet on it

Morton **KONDRACKE**

There's reason to fear that, even with reform, the nation's total outlays for health care — currently 17 percent of gross domestic product — will continue to soar, and so will federal health spending and insurance premiums.

The Obama White House promised reform would "bend the curve" of health spending — now growing at 3 percent a year faster than the economy — but bills pending in Congress contain no guaranteed cost-containment measures, such as a global budget or national lid on health spending.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, total U.S. health spending is scheduled to rise to 20 percent of the GDP by 2018, 25 percent by 2025 and 37 percent by 2050.

In May, health care stakeholder groups, including hospitals, insurance companies, doctors, drug companies and device makers, promised President Barack Obama they'd institute measures shaving 1.5 percent per year from the current 7 percent growth rate of health spending, saving $2 trillion over 10 years.

But as the journal Health Affairs observed in an issue brief in August, "these agreements are not enforceable" and, indeed, House "reform" legislation would free doctors from any reductions in Medicare reimbursements.

It's no wonder the American Medical Association supports the House bill, H.R. 3200. The Senate Finance Committee bill gives doctors just a one-year break from scheduled fee reductions, but past patterns are that Congress annually saves doctors from any cut.

Another group promising cuts — and now supporting Obamacare — is the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

Its contribution to controlling health care costs? Just $80 billion over 10 years — out of total U.S. pharmaceutical outlays of $3.3 trillion.

And, as Fortune magazine pointed out, part of PhRMA's cuts are designed to get more Medicare recipients to use brand-name drugs when generics would be cheaper.

According to Health Affairs Editor-in-Chief Susan Dentzer, "bending the curve" of health cost growth depends upon "a lot of floating magic asterisks" in the Senate legislation, including the transformation of several pilot projects into actual policies that alter health-spending patterns.

She noted that the Senate Finance bill "creates the framework" for "bending the curve," but "there's no action-forcing mechanism."

Similarly, a report just issued by the Brookings Institution pointed to "many promising ideas" in the bill written by Finance Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont.

These include the creation of an Independent Medicare Advisory Council to impose cost cuts, subject only to Congressional veto, and an institute to study the comparative effectiveness of various medical procedures.

But the report also noted the absence of any medical liability reforms, payment reform to cut reimbursements to high-cost providers or "accountability incentives" to encourage consumers to be cost-conscious.

And, even if a cut-imposing IMAC is in the Senate's final bill, House leaders are adamantly opposed to it because it infringes on legislative authority.

In the meantime, in terms of cost to the U.S. government, a new comparison of pending bills issued by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget shows that, at best, reform would take only a tiny nick out of federal deficits in its first 10 years.

Using CBO estimates, the report showed that the Senate Finance draft would cut the deficit by just $49 billion over 10 years.

The House's "tri-committee" bill would increase the deficit by $239 billion, and the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions measure would increase it by as much as $1.1 trillion.

The CBO estimates bigger savings from the Senate bill in its second 10 years — up to $1.3 trillion — but its director admitted that the figure was highly speculative.

At present, according to the government's Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the cost of Medicare alone is scheduled to rise from $466 billion in 2008 to $931 billion in 2019, and cost $6 trillion over that period.

No bill currently in Congress contains anything that will significantly bend that growth curve.

And rising health costs mean rising insurance premiums. In fact, according to the insurance lobby America's Health Insurance Plans, to the extent that doctors and hospitals do get paid less under Medicare, the costs will be shifted to private patients.

The fact is, extending insurance coverage to 30 million to 50 million new people, which Congress should do, is going to increase usage of health care services.

And higher demand means higher costs — unless Congress figures out some enforceable cost-containment mechanism, which hasn't happened yet.

Morton Kondracke is executive editor of Roll Call, the newspaper of Capitol Hill.

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YOUR OPINION

'Turkey' isn't an insult

To the Editor:

Vice President Joe Biden recently referred to some Democrats as "turkeys" at a fundraiser in Virginia. That's quite a compliment. As poultry scientist Tom Savage says, turkeys are smart animals with personality, character, and keen awareness of their surroundings.

When they're not forced to live on filthy factory farms, turkeys spend their days caring for their young, building nests, foraging for food, preening themselves, and roosting in trees. A mother turkey will courageously defend her family against predators. These social, playful birds relish having their feathers stroked and like to chirp, cluck, and gobble along to their favorite tunes. It's no wonder Ben Franklin thought that the turkey should be the national bird. To learn more about turkeys—and why they deserve compassion and respect—see www.GoVeg.com.

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Legislators protecting smokeless tobacco

GUEST EDITORIAL

With Pennsylvania so strapped for cash, taxing smokeless tobacco products to bring in revenue — as 49 other states do — makes a lot of sense.

But this is the Pennsylvania Legislature, which has demonstrated conclusively that it has a deficit in sense department almost as large as the state's deficit in cents department. Governing by bumper sticker, it resolved to add no new taxes to the state budget, regardless of the final cost to the general welfare.

As details of the $28 billion budget deal emerge, we see that our courageous leaders left on the table an estimated $38 million a year in revenue rather than impose an excise tax on chewing or dipping tobacco or snuff. Instead, they decided to hit arts and cultural organizations by removing the sales tax exemption on their ticket sales. And, under the agreement, small games of chance like pull-tab tickets would be taxed 20 percent, reducing revenues and increasing paperwork on the fire companies and veterans' groups that use them for fundraisers.

For icing on the cake, adding 25 cents in tax to cigarettes, as the new budget does, while not increasing the price of tobacco products, actually provides an added incentive to buy the product, especially for kids.

In an age of high cigarette taxes and extensive smoking bans, there's strong evidence that the tobacco industry is using these products to develop a whole new generation of nicotine addicts, say anti-smoking advocates like the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids. (The Food and Drug Administration's ban on flavored cigarettes, which took effect Tuesday, Sept. 22, also may provide a push in that direction.)

In particular, a form of snuff called Snus, first developed in Scandinavia but now produced by U.S. companies, is a highly attractive alternative to cigarettes. It's essentially powdered tobacco packaged in colorful tins, in flavors like mint and licorice. An added advantage: You can use it indoors (even in school!) and not have your clothes smell of smoke. With prices substantially less than those for cigarettes, more kids already are trying Snus, and raising their risk of addiction and cancer.

But there is a mild upside to the Legislature's failure to tax smokeless tobacco this year: Gov. Rendell's proposal would have taxed the products by weight; an alternative approach, championed by state Rep. Dan Frankel, of Allegheny County, and many anti-smoking advocates, would take a percentage (59.2 percent) of the wholesale price, almost the same as on cigarettes. This would result in higher annual revenues — Frankel estimates $70 million — and more effective disincentives.

In a bill Frankel has introduced in the state House, tax revenue from smokeless tobacco would grow with inflation. By contrast, taxing the products by weight would eventually lead to a reduction in revenue — and make smokeless tobacco even cheaper compared with cigarettes. Smokeless tobacco producers know this, and have been lobbying states that use percentage taxes to move to taxes by weight.

Channel your disgust at the Legislature's continued failure to enact this tax into support for Frankel's bill. Whether mint- or licorice-flavored, making smokeless tobacco more attractive to kids should leave a bad taste in everyone's mouth.

—Philadelphia Daily News

NEWS

The Valley Art Club exhibit at the Mon Valley Community Health Center will continue through Friday. Above, left, Christine Gilotty displays her Best of Show watercolor, "Sparky." Valley Art Club President Mary Ann Kopach-Laber is pictured at right.

Valley Art Club exhibit continues through Friday

The work is on public display at the Mon Valley Community Health Center.

The Valley Art Club has announced winners of its 67th annual juried exhibit at the Mon Valley Community Health Center in Monessen.

■ Christine Gilotty: best of show, "Sparky," watercolor; first place, "Spring Fresh Floral," watercolor; best materials, "Taste Like Summer," watercolor; best theme, "Pastry Art," water color.

■ Sabra Clark: best oil and acrylic, "Nussar Barn in Rostraver Township;" second place, animals, "Pong the Chow at Three Months Old;' third place, floral; honorable mention, oil and acrylic, "Colonel Cook's Residence," Rostraver Township.

■ John DiBattista: best other media, "J.D.;" first place, abstract, "Smiling Acrobats;" honorable mention, portrait, "Bianca;" and abstract, "Joan's Choice."

■ Joyce Gazdick: second place, floral, "Poinsettia;" third place, still life, "Red Beets and Eggs;" honorable mention, still life, "Super Season," all in watercolors.

■ Patricia Jones: first place, still life, oil and acrylic, "Old Door In Italy;" best Valley scene, other media, "John's Balcony;" honorable mention, abstract, oil and acrylic; "Abstract Bottles;" floral, "Vase of Lilacs," other media.

■ Mary Ann Kopach-Laber: first place, landscape, oil and acrylic, "Pond;" honorable mention, animal, oil and acrylic, "Big John."

■ Arabelle Lancaster: first place, genre, oil and acrylic, "Granada Greeting Band."

■ Mary Elaine Lozosky: first place, portrait, "Miner;" second, genre, "A Proud Miner;" third, genre, "Coal Mine Blacksmith," and animal, "Mariah;" honorable mention, genre, "A Path to the Sea," in oil and acrylic category.

■ Michelle Meneskie: third place, Animal, another media, "Jack."

■ Clarice Munk: first place, animal, "Chelsey;" third, portrait, "Baby" both oil and acrylic category.

■ Fay Thomas: second place, portrait, "Sitting in the Sun," and abstract, "Untitled," both watercolor.

Two new awards for floral and landscape painting were presented in memory of the late Mary F. Alvarez.

She was a longtime member, awards winner and past president.

Charleroi Chiropractic Pain & Wellness Center sponsored the awards, which went to Patricia Jones, of Fallowfield Township, best floral, and Sabra Clark, of Belle Vernon, best landscape.

Laura Emricko, of Carroll Township, Alvarez's daughter, presented the awards.

The following other family members attended the presentation: Alvarez's husband, Joseph "Speed" Alvarez, of Carroll Township; daughters, Adella Boord, of Carroll Township, Mary Jo Garbart, of Donora, and Donna Marie DiBiaso, of Youngwood; and son, Joseph Alvarez III, of Fallowfield Township.

James A. Bove, assistant professor of art and design at California University of Pennsylvania, judged the work.

The exhibit will continue noon to 8 p.m. through Friday. Many of the paintings are for sale.

Donora Class of '54 marks 55 years

Donora High School Class of 1954 conducted its 55-year reunion Aug. 29 at the Monongahela Valley Country Club.

Thirty-two classmates attended.

A get-reacquainted hour took place prior to a group photograph, which was distributed later.

On behalf of the committee, Trudy Supp Kearns welcomed class members and guests. Steve "Poky" Poklemba provided an invocation. Mel Repka served as toastmaster.

Bill Bodnar conducted a memorial service for deceased class members. The program concluded with a rendition of the alma mater. The remainder of the day was spent reminiscing.

The class enjoyed a display of photos from previous reunions, school days memorabilia and recent Donora news.

In addition to the Mon Valley, classmates attended from Florida, Delaware, Connecticut, Ohio and Pennsylvania. The reunion committee comprised Kearns, Marian Dolnack Riley, Joan Crafton Crow and Virginia Bill Lukas.

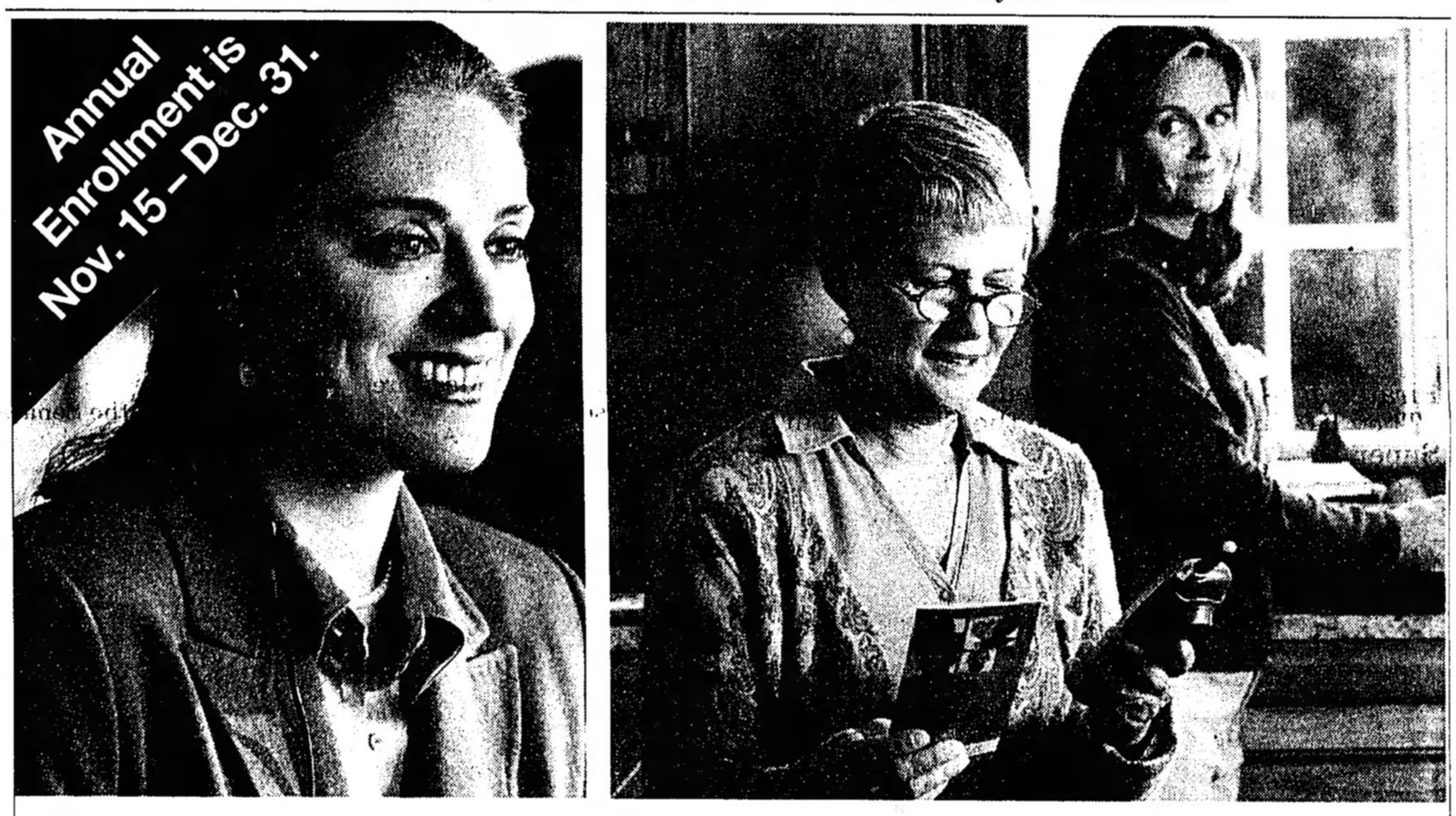
The Donora High School Class of 1954 conducted its 55-year reunion. First row, from left, are Joan Crafton Crow, Marian Dolnack Riley, Irma DeShong Seiple, Mary Jane Behanna Quinto, Barbara Schumacher Barch, Midgi Capano Woodside, Dorothy Greco Rudinec, Rose Marie Yocolano Gonzales, Yvonne Amoroso Bodnar; second row, Leah McPherson Giesey, Trudy Supp Kearns, Mel Repka, Patty McCarthy Dugan, Janet Witek Lario; third row, Patty Mesher Koscelnik, Marvin Preston, Dick Lesnak, Andy Borriello, Dorothy Kotlensky Wolfe, Charlotte Kopko Klochak, Elaine Rudinec Andras; fourth row, Paul Stofa, Rudy Vasko, Steve Poklemba, Rudy Sampler, Bill Isaacs; and fifth row, Rudy Cislak, George Kabay, Dick White, Ed Kearns, Jerry Snyde and Bill Bodnar.

Blood vow sworn at vampire wedding

COLUMBIA STATION, Ohio (AP) – An Ohio bride and ghoul have vowed to love each other and haunt and howl at the moon together at a Halloween-themed wedding.

Jack Holsinger, 61, and Connie Spitznagel, 44, were made up as pale-faced vampires for their scare-emoney Saturday at a haunted house near Cleveland.

Holsinger arrived in a coffin inside a hearse, and the coffin was carried to the altar by six pallbearers. Minister Greg Kopp was dressed as Jason in the "Friday the 13th" movies. After the vows were exchanged, he ordered Holsinger not to kiss his new bride but instead to bite her on the neck.



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Late-season flintlock, archery deer hunts set

The Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation will conduct a late-season flintlock and archery deer hunt Dec. 26 through Jan. 9 in Mingo Creek County Park.

A nonfee permit will be required to participate. A maximum of 150 permits will be issued for each day hunting is permitted, excluding Sundays.

The department will accept mail-only applications Nov. 16-27. Beginning Nov. 30, walk in applications will be accepted.

Applications received before Nov. 16, incomplete applications and applications that do not include self-addressed, stamped envelopes will be discarded. An application must be completed for each hunting day.

Applications are available at the Bentleyville Library, Brownsville Municipal Building, California Borough Building, Canonsburg Borough Building, Charleroi Chamber of Commerce, Donora Borough Building, Eighty Four Agway, Finleyville Giant Eagle, Monongahela Borough Building, Washington County Tourism and Promotion Agency, Mingo Creek County Park Office, and the Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation, 101 Courthouse Square.

Applications will be available online at www.co.washington.pa.us. Click on departments, go to Parks and Recreation, click on downloads in the Parks & Recreation menu to arrive at the 2009/2010 hunting permit application.

Hunters must comply with state Game Commission rules and regulations. For information, call (724) 228-6867.

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Searching the Skies

Exploring Our Place in Space

Have you been celebrating the International Year of Astronomy at your school? It marks an important event. Four hundred years ago, Galileo Galilei became the first person to turn a telescope to the skies.

Now, 400 years later, NASA has just returned from a mission to update Hubble, the most powerful telescope humans have ever known.

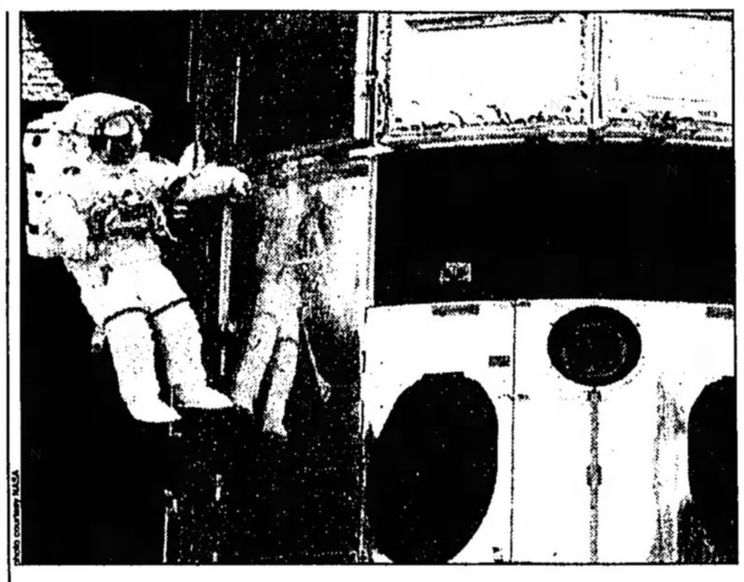
The Mini Page spoke with NASA experts about recent highlights of outer space exploration.

Galileo

Galileo Galilei (ga-luh-LAY-oh ga-luh-LAY-ee) was an Italian scientist. His telescope observations helped prove that the Earth revolved around the sun.

art courtesy NASA

In 1609, Galileo (1564-1642) took a new invention, the spyglass, and improved upon it to create the first telescope for searching the skies. For the first time, people could see close-up views of the moon and planets.



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Astronaut John Grunsfeld performs work on the Hubble Space Telescope on May 14, 2009, during the first of five spacewalks. Astronauts spent a week in space working on Hubble.

Astronauts put in a new camera, the Wide Field Camera 3. They also installed a new instrument, the Cosmic Origins Spectograph, or COS. It splits light up into a rainbow, or spectrum (SPEK-trum). By looking at the different bands of colored light, scientists can tell what elements, or matter, make up different objects.

Giving Hubble a new shine

This year, astronauts flew to the Hubble Space Telescope to add new instruments and fix old ones.

For the first time since it was launched in 1990, all of Hubble's instruments are working at **peak**, or top, performance. Experts believe the whole observatory should last about five more years.

It almost didn't last at all. NASA had decided to let it crash to Earth.

In 2004, after the space shuttle Columbia broke apart during re-entry, NASA officials decided it was too risky to send astronauts up to work on Hubble. But this year they kept a second shuttle ready to rescue astronauts if they got in trouble while fixing Hubble. Luckily, it was not needed.

Since it was repaired, the Hubble has been taking pictures of special places in the universe. In September, NASA began revealing these new wonders.

Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and Alpha Betty are working to launch a satellite. See if you can find:

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- ruler
- book
- candy cane
- toothbrush
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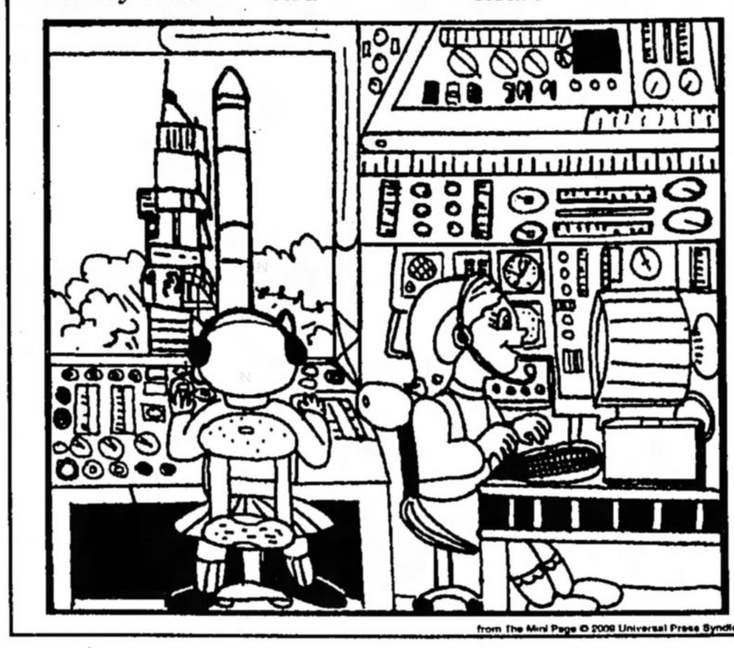

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Peanut Butter Pretzel Dip

You'll need:

- 2 tablespoons peanut butter (crunchy or creamy)
- 4 tablespoons cinnamon applesauce
- 1 medium carrot
- pretzels or pretzel chips

What to do:

1. Put peanut butter and applesauce in a small bowl.
2. Grate the carrot until you have 3 tablespoons.
3. Add grated carrot to first two ingredients and mix well.
4. Serve with pretzels or pretzel chips to scoop the dip.

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Meet Tiffany Thornton

photo courtesy Disney Channel

Tiffany Thornton is one of several actors appearing on Disney's "Friends for Change: Project Green." It airs on the Disney Channel, the Web and radio.

The project teaches kids ways to help the planet. Kids can vote on what environmental causes $1 million should go to when the project ends in May 2010.

Tiffany plays Tawni Hart on the Disney Channel series "Sonny With a Chance." She played Jamie in the Disney Channel movie "Hatching Pete." She also sings and writes songs.

Tiffany, 23, was born in College Station, Texas. She loves swimming, snow skiing, horseback riding, tennis and gymnastics.

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Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Trey Hardee

Height: 6-5 Weight: 225 Grew up in: Birmingham, Ala.

To win a decathlon, it takes speed, strength, skill, stamina and miles of heart. Trey Hardee packaged all those ingredients and won the grueling two-day, 10-event competition of running, jumping and throwing in the World Championships in track and field in Berlin, Germany.

The 25-year-old former University of Texas standout — who failed to finish the 2008 Olympics decathlon — became only the third U.S. male athlete to capture the world decathlon title. He turned in his season-best performance in the 100-meter hurdles, discus and pole vault and set a personal record in the javelin throw.

Hardee's athletic ambition didn't always include track and field. Growing up, he wanted to be a basketball player, but turned to pole vaulting after getting cut from the team in high school.

At Texas, he set an NCAA decathlon record in 2006. He also suffered defeats and disappointments along the way, but kept working hard, refusing to give up. His patience and perseverance finally paid off.

To the Moon and Beyond

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Planning for a return trip

This June, NASA launched two spacecraft to study the moon. These missions are NASA's first steps toward a return to the moon.

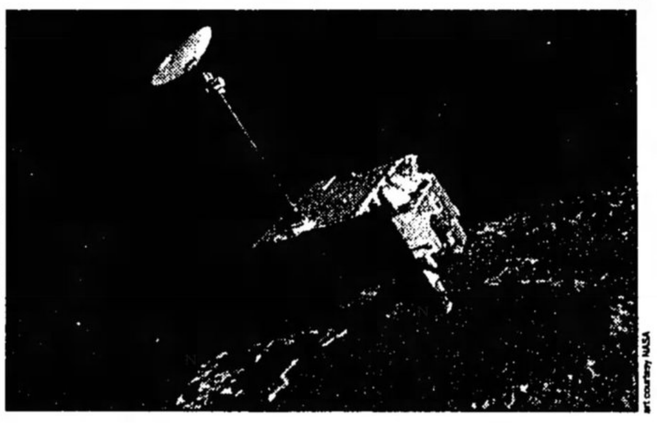
The Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, or LRO, is flying around the moon, checking out possible landing sites for future human trips. LRO began sending back pictures in July.

The Lunar CRater Observation and Sensing Satellite, or LCROSS, is searching for water ice at one of the moon's poles.

On Oct. 9, the upper stage of the rocket Centaur will separate from LCROSS. It will crash into the moon, sending up a giant dust plume.

LCROSS will fly through the dust plume, collecting information about what is in the dust. Scientists hope they will find some water.

Later, LCROSS too will crash into the moon, sending up a second dust cloud. This will be visible from Earth with telescopes.



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This is an artist's idea of what the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter looked like as it approached the moon. The artwork is laid over moon photos from the Apollo missions.

Besides searching for possible landing sites, LRO will be mapping the surface of the moon with ultraviolet light, to show shadowed areas better. It will also be looking for possible radiation dangers.

Searching for Earth-like planets

In March, NASA launched the Kepler telescope to hunt for Earth-size or smaller planets orbiting other stars.

It is also seeking out planets that are not too hot and not too cold. It is searching for planets with just the right temperature to have liquid water. If there is water, there could be life.

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This artist's drawing shows a planet orbiting near its star outside our solar system.

Surveying Our Skies

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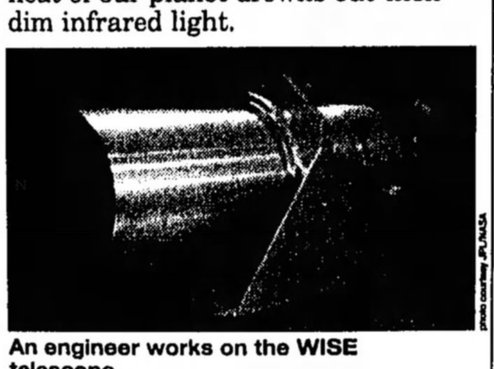
Seeking what's out there

In December, NASA plans to launch a small telescope, the Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, or WISE. It will survey the entire sky.

WISE will search for the brightest galaxy in the universe. It will find the closest star to the sun. It will also be able to find stars so cold and dark that we can't see them.

These dim stars are called **brown dwarfs**. They are so cold, they give off only infrared or near-infrared light, which the human eye can't see.

Anything that gives off heat also gives off infrared light. So WISE will be kept refrigerated, at about 430 degrees F below zero. This is so the heat of the telescope doesn't interfere with its search. We can't see faint brown dwarfs from Earth, even with our biggest telescopes, because the heat of our planet drowns out their dim infrared light.



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An engineer works on the WISE telescope.

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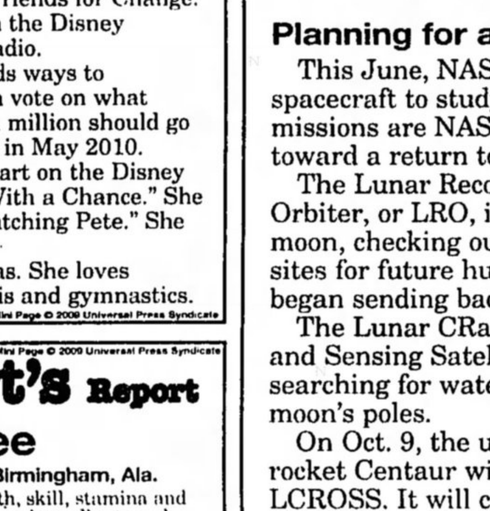

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Sun storms can affect life on Earth. There are several NASA missions now studying the sun. One new mission, SDO, will study the sun's atmosphere and the interior of the sun.

Mapping our place in space

The Interstellar Boundary EXplorer, or IBEX, is a small satellite about the size of a bus tire. It carries several instruments to study the neighborhood at the edge of our solar system.

These instruments collect fast-moving electrical particles. With IBEX data, scientists have been able to make sky maps of the boundaries between our solar system and the rest of space.

Scientists have been surprised by what they've found. NASA plans to release information about these surprises this month.

Sun storms

The Solar Dynamics Observatory, or SDO, will help us understand how the sun affects the Earth and outer space near Earth. It is expected to be launched in late 2009 or early 2010.

Sun storms, or explosions on the sun, affect matters on Earth, such as:

- GPS mapping systems
- cell phone communications
- bird migrations
- the auroras

Sun storms have caused blackouts in Quebec and Sweden.

Meteorite on Mars

In August, the Mars rover Opportunity sent back data on the largest meteorite found on that planet, about the size of a watermelon.

In order for a meteorite that large to survive, it means Mars must have once had a thicker atmosphere. Otherwise, the meteorite would have broken apart as it fell to Mars.

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The Mars rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, are still sending back data after five years.

This month, look through your newspaper for stories about new discoveries fro NASA.

Next week, The Mini Page is about how money moves around the country.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

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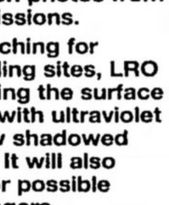
All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Nathan: Who are congratulated when they are down and out?
Nash: Astronauts!

Nadia: How would you describe an astronaut who misbehaved?
Nancy: As astronaughty!



Ned: Where did the astronaut put his turkey sandwich?
Nakisha: In his launch box!

Basset Brown The News Hound's SPACE TRY 'N FIND

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Words that remind us of space are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: HUBBLE, GALILEO, TELESCOPE, ASTRONOMY, SUN, EARTH, PLANETS, EXPLORATION, MOON, SKY, MAP, SOLAR, SYSTEM, ASTRONAUTS, SHUTTLE, FLY, STORM, STARS, DIM, BROWN, DWARFS, MARS, ROVER.

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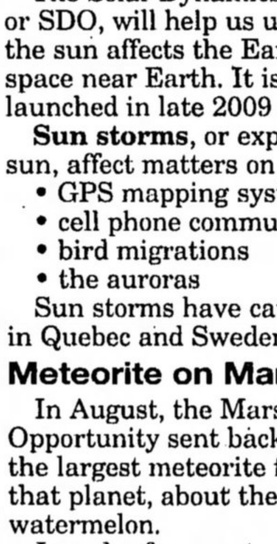

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Episcopal church offers not to defrock clergy

Offer made to priests and deacons in 47 parishes that voted to leave the national Episcopal Church based in New York last year.

By MIKE CRONIN
For The Valley Independent
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Officials from the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh offered Monday to release about 100 priests and deacons from the diocese rather than strip them of their ordinations.

The offers go to people in 47 parishes that voted to leave the national Episcopal Church based in New York last year and become founding members of the Anglican Church of North America based in Ambridge.

When similar splits have occurred elsewhere, diocesan officials chose to defrock clergy who left, said the Rev. James Simons, rector of St. Michael's of the Valley Episcopal Church in Ligonier. Simons is the president of the diocesan standing committee.

"It's a pastoral move," Simons said. "These are people we were once in ministry with. We want them to go where they believe God is leading them."

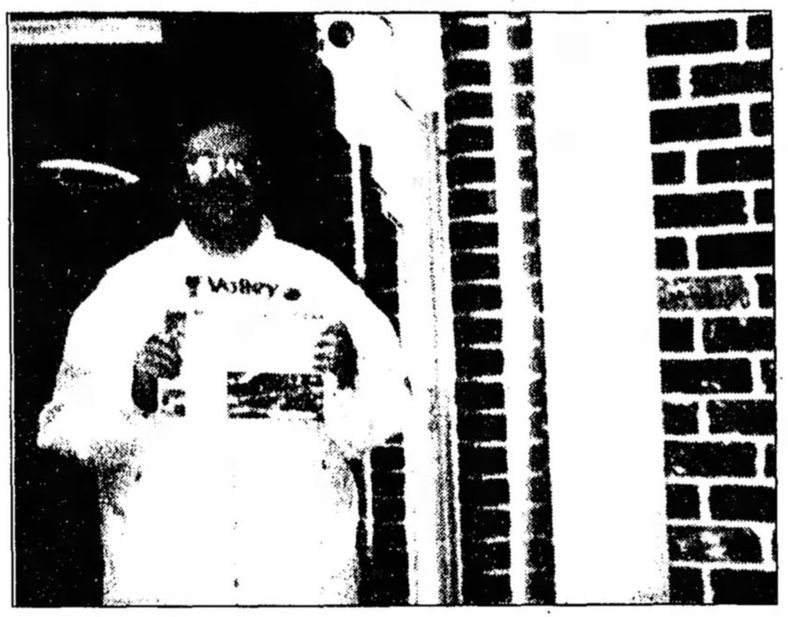
Shawn Malarkey, spokesman for the Western Pennsylvania churches that now are part of the Anglican Church of North America, said the church law cited in the offer "refers to clergy who willingly give up their ordination to return to being lay people.

"It would be wrong to ask our vital and active ordained ministers to renounce 'the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority as a Minister of God's Word and Sacraments' as a means to simplify someone's bookkeeping," he said.

Bishop Robert Duncan led last year's revolt from the Episcopal Church. Duncan and the 47 parishes that followed him chose to align themselves with more theologically conservative churches that belong to the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The Rev. Mary Hays, canon of Pittsburgh's Anglican Episcopal diocese, said she appreciated Simons and his colleagues' "desire to find a way forward in the midst of our unhappy division."

Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, recognized the 19 parishes that chose not to follow Duncan.



Andrew G. Valko, of Monessen, took *The Valley Independent* on vacation to Bethany Beach, Del.

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Doctors aid Obama's call for reform

President rallies support as Congress prepares to craft legislation.

By CHARLES BABINGTON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — On the cusp of a key legislative push, President Barack Obama on Monday filled the Rose Garden with doctors supportive of his health care overhaul, saying "nobody has more credibility with the American people on this issue than you do."

Obama's White House event gave him another chance to frame the debate on his terms as his top domestic priority enters its most critical phase.

The Senate Finance Committee is expected to approve its long-debated, intensely scrutinized bill this week. Then, Senate Democratic leaders will meld it with a more liberal-leaning version passed by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. The House also must combine differing versions of its own bills.

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President Barack Obama is applauded in the Rose Garden Monday during an address to doctors on health care reform. From left are Dr. Mona Mangat of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Dr. Hershey Garner of Fayetteville, Ark.; the president; Dr. Richard Evans of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine; and Dr. Amanda McKinney of Beatrice, Neb.

For a visual plug from some medical pros, the White House arranged for Obama to have some 150 doctors representing all 50 states arrayed in the sunsplashed lawn area just outside the West Wing. To make sure no one watching at home or catching news footage would miss the point, the physicians wore their white medical coats for the cameras.

"When you cut through all the noise and all the distractions that are out there, I think what's most telling is that some of the people who are most supportive of reform are the very medical professionals who know the health care system best," said Obama, flanked by four doctors on stage for good measure.

But Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., an orthopedic surgeon for 25 years, said many doctors, nurses and patients strongly oppose Obama's proposals.

They are greatly alarmed at proposed cuts in Medicare, which is the main source of health care for many people in Wyoming and elsewhere, Barrasso said in an interview Monday. He said doctors and hospitals also want provisions to protect them against "abusive lawsuits" by people claiming malpractice.

Obama broke no ground in his comments. He outlined the tenets of his health reform plan: expanded and affordable health coverage options for tens of millions of people, strengthened protections for those who already have insurance, and more time for health professionals to help patients with preventative and healing care.

Obama said the country has heard all sides of the debate over the last few months and the time to act is now.

"I want to thank every single doctor who is here," Obama said. "And I especially want to thank you for agreeing to fan out across the country and make the case about why this reform effort is so desperately needed. You are the people who know this system best. You are the experts."

Democratic leader faces tough task in crafting bill

A difficult balancing act awaits Harry Reid.

By ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Forget mission accomplished. Try mission seemingly impossible.

With the Senate Finance Committee on the verge of approving a sweeping health overhaul bill later this week, the path might appear open for action by the full Senate.

Not so fast.

First the Finance Committee bill must be combined with a more liberal version that the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee wrapped up this summer. Such a merger is so rare that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has never attempted it on any piece of legislation — much less one as complex as President Barack Obama's top legislative priority.

Reid

Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., had a one-word description of Reid's task: "Tough."

Said Democratic Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico: "He's on the hot seat."

"I don't even want to think about it," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D. "What a daunting challenge."

Everything about health overhaul legislation seems to be unusually complicated, but this process is particularly so because of the disparities between the bills and Obama's goal of keeping the cost at $900 billion over 10 years. Reid won't go it alone; he will get some help from the White House and the committee chairmen.

"It's not going to be one silver bullet," Reid said. "There isn't any one thing, there are lots of things we're going to have to work on."

The two bills diverge on some of the thorniest issues, perhaps most notably on the question of whether the government should sell insurance to compete with private industry. The health committee bill has the government-run plan; the finance bill does not.

The health committee bill offers more generous subsidies to low-income people to help them buy coverage than the finance committee bill.

The finance committee bill proposes a new tax on high-value health insurance plans that the health committee bill doesn't include.

The health committee bill would require employers to offer coverage to their workers or pay a tax penalty. The finance bill has no such requirement, although it would levy a charge on businesses whose workers end up getting government subsidies.

Reid must resolve all those issues and more over the next week or so to come up with a single bill to bring to the Senate floor. In its broad contours, the legislation would expand coverage to about 95 percent of Americans with a new requirement for individuals to purchase insurance. The costs would be borne partly by hundreds of billions of dollars in cuts in projected Medicare and Medicaid spending. Policies would be available — for those who have coverage and those who don't — through so-called insurance exchanges.

But many of the details are unresolved and it's Reid's job to decide. Every step of the way he must ensure that the choices he's making keep 60 senators happy, or at least on board. That's how many votes it takes to avoid a bill-killing filibuster by Republicans in the 100-member Senate.

Any one change could lose a senator, and losing even one could be fatal.

Move too far to the left and a moderate Democrat like Ben Nelson of Nebraska could rebel. Too far to the right, and a liberal like Ron Wyden of Oregon could be alienated.

And then there's perhaps the most important senator of all, Olympia Snowe of Maine, virtually the only Republican seen as a possible "yes" vote on the health care bill. Reid will need to bring her along every step of the way.

The process has already started in the congressional and White House staffs. Beginning this week it will shift into high gear with Reid personally involved with a handful of key senators including Finance Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., health committee chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., who led the health committee consideration of the overhaul bill.

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Swine flu shots begin

Midwest health care workers first in line for treatment.

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Swine flu vaccinations began Monday with squirts up the noses of health care workers in Indiana, Illinois and Tennessee — it just tickled, shrugged one — as the government opened a massive effort to immunize over half the nation in a few months.

But don't try to line up an appointment just yet: Only as many as 7 million doses of vaccine are expected by week's end. Divided up, that makes for such small initial shipments that most states are reserving early vaccine for doctors and other front-line health workers who already are being sneezed on by flu sufferers.

"I needed that protection," said Dr. John Eshun, a gastroenterologist who was among the first in line for vaccine at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. More than 5,500 kids with flulike illness have sought emergency care at that hospital since Aug. 1.

In Indianapolis, health workers made jokes as they waited to have FluMist — the nasal-spray vaccine that, packed in white coolers, was the first shipped — squirted into each nostril while TV cameras rolled.

"It's manufactured the same way as the seasonal flu vaccine, and I never get the flu," said Jennifer McFarland, 30, an Indianapolis paramedic who swears by her annual vaccination and this year will need two — one to protect against swine flu and the other to protect against regular winter flu.

Vaccinations against swine flu — what scientists call the 2009 H1N1 strain — won't gear up in earnest until mid-October, when at least 40 million doses will have rolled out, with more coming each week. Even then, first doses are supposed to be for the people at highest risk of catching swine flu. Arkansas earmarked its first shipment, expected Tuesday, for in-school vaccinations. Pennsylvania, too, will send early shipments to school-age kids in parts of the state where swine flu already is active.

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A group of health care workers receive a dose of the swine flu vaccine at Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis Monday.

But this is uncharted territory. You really can't plan too far ahead to say, "I'll schedule my swine flu shot on Oct. 16 at Clinic X." Only as shipments start arriving will local doctors, clinics, school vaccination programs and drugstores get word that their doses are coming and how much. Each state health department decides that.

"Take a deep breath, be patient, wait a couple of days, make another phone call and cut everyone a little slack because it's a little hectic out there, folks," says Dr. William Schaffner, a flu vaccine specialist at Vanderbilt University.

And keep track of which vaccine you've gotten: Recipients of the swine flu vaccine are being given "vaccination record" cards to help.

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Dispute over bed-making centers on a pillow fight

Dear ABBY

DEAR ABBY: "Pillow Talk in Abilene" (July 24) had to have been written by my husband, Dick. I went looking for him and asked if he had written to you. When I held up your column, he was shocked. We laughed so hard I had trouble reading the piece to him.

This scenario must be universal. I make the bed with the pillow opening on the outside; Dick makes it with the opening on the inside. We always thought it was funny because we do many things differently. Thanks for the dose of morning humor. — **PAT AND DICK IN SPRING HILL, FLA.**

DEAR PAT AND DICK: I'm pleased to have started your morning on a light note. Read on for more — as well as some practical explanations:

DEAR ABBY: There's a very good reason why the open end of the pillow faces the inside of the bed. When I was 3 or 4, I realized that placing the open end toward the inside would prevent monsters from getting into my pillow. It has worked like a charm for 55 years. — **RESTING EASY IN KANSAS**

DEAR ABBY: I was in the military, and bed-making is one of the things you learn in boot camp, in addition to how to properly fold T-shirts, underwear and bras — yes, folding bras. The mantra for placing pillowcases is, "Seam and Slack to the Center of the Rack," open end to the left (which indicates the outside edge of the bed). So there you go — straight from Uncle Sam himself. — **SHELLIE IN CHICAGO**

DEAR ABBY: It sounds to me that "Pillow Talk" and his wife have too much time on their hands. If all they have to do is debate which way to turn the pillows when they make the bed, how do they feel about the epidemic of belly-button lint? What difference does it make which way the pillow edges are turned? They're usually hidden by a comforter or spread anyway. — **PRACTICAL IN WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.**

DEAR ABBY: In nursing school we were taught that the opening of the pillowcase should face away from the entrance to the room. The reason is when you walk, germs and particles from the floor are kicked up and can enter the side of the pillow, which increases the potential for infections and disease through the capture of microorganisms in the pillow opening. — **SANDY IN ARIZONA**

DEAR ABBY: I didn't think your readers could top (or bottom) the great toilet paper debate (over the front or under the back), but the question about the direction of the pillowcase opening has done it. Most of us are preoccupied with worrying about health care, the economy, the two wars we are fighting, our jobs and putting food on the table. That couple needs to get a life! — **JOHN W., LEXINGTON, KY.**

DEAR ABBY: As a young girl I was taught the "proper" way to make a bed was with the pillowcase opening facing the edge of the bed — not the middle. Back then, this was done so leaking feathers wouldn't end up inside the bed but on the floor. — **INGER IN PORTSMOUTH, N.H.**

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I had the same argument, until he explained why he wanted the edges facing out. When he put his arm under me to "spoon," he would get caught in the pillowcase if it faced in. We solved the problem by making the bed up for "looks," but when we turn it down for the night, we flip the pillow around. Now we're both happy! — MINDY IN NEW MEXICO

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CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	(2) KDKA-TV News at Six (N) (7) News (N) (10) WTAJ News at 6 (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric (7) Entertainment (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (10) Two and a Half Men	NCIS "The Inside Man" A blogger who accused the team of a cover-up turns up dead. (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Predator" An unmanned aerial vehicle kills a marine during a training exercise. (N)		The Good Wife "Home" Alicia is asked to represent the teenage son of a former friend. (N)		(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Paul Shaffer; Eliza Dushku; KISS. (N)		(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Julia Louis-Dreyfus; the Avett Brothers. (N)		(2) (:37) Extra (7) (:37) The Dr. Oz Show (10) (:37) Paid Programming	(2) (:07) Guthy-Renker.com (10) (:07) Paid Programming	(2) (:37) Paid Programming (7) (10) (:37) Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) Action News at 6 (23) Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight (23) Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank A young entrepreneur's overconfidence could blow a deal with the sharks. (N)		Dancing With the Stars Elimination. (Live)		(:01) the forgotten "Football John" A dead John Doe is left beaten on the street. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Patricia Heaton; Gossip. (N)		(4) (:06) Oprah Winfrey (23) (:06) Paid Programming	(23) (:36) RENO 911! "Fastest Criminal in Reno"	(4) Joint Health (23) Paid Program	(4) Action News at 11 (23) Paid Prog
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	(6) WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) (9) News (N) (11) Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N) (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N) (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Biggest Loser A medical condition sidelines one contestant. (N)				The Jay Leno Show Abigail Breslin; Cindy McCain. (N)		(6) WJAC-TV News (9) News (11) Ch. 11 News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Kristen Bell; Anvil. (N)		(:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Lewis Black. (N)		(:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Thomas Jane. (N)	(:05) Poker After Dark Johnny Chan; Jennifer Tilly; Arnold Thimons; Mike Matusow; Phil Laak; Daniel Negreanu.	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) Seinfeld (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) The Simpsons (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) That '70s Show (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) My Name Is Earl (53) Seinfeld	Hell's Kitchen The four remaining chefs must prepare vegetarian entrees for 80 guests. (N)		So You Think You Can Dance Dancers from across the country audition. (N)		(8) Fox 8 News (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) (:35) My Name Is Earl Earl wants to escape.	(8) (:05) Everybody Loves Raymond (53) Seinfeld	(8) (:35) Seinfeld (53) My Name Is Earl		(8) Star Trek: The Next Generation (53) Frasier	(53) Paid Programming	(8) (:05) Paid Programming (53) Paid Programming	(8) (:35) Paid Programming (53) Paid Programming	(8) (:05) Paid Programming (53) George Lopez	(8) Paid Program (53) House of Payne
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ	Nova "Darwin's Darkest Hour" Charles Darwin must decide whether to make his theory of evolution public. (N)				The Buffalo Flows (N)		Charlie Rose (N)			OnQ	Smart Travels	Nova "Darwin's Darkest Hour" Charles Darwin must decide whether to make his theory of evolution public.			
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		The Office "The Client"	The Office	90210 "Environmental Hazards" (N)		Melrose Place "Canon" (N)		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Everybody-Raymond	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Roseanne
(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	You Smarter?	You Smarter?	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Law & Order: SVU		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Net Millions	INSTYLER	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4 "Answers"		Degree Life	Master	Joel Osteen	Joni, Frnds	Discovery	Quick Study	Nwswtch	The Place for Miracles		Master	Focus 4		Gaither Homecoming Hour	
(59) WBGN	Punk'd	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		Eye Eye	RENO 911!	Laguna	RENO 911!	★ Howling II: Your Sister Is a Werewolf (1985, Horror)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
A&E	CSI: Miami "The Oath"		Criminal Minds		The First 48 "Devil's Candy"		Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	(12:01) The First 48		Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	'70s Show	'70s Show	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Greek "Lost and Founders"		Paid Program	P90X: Proof	Paid Program	Paid Program
AMC	★★ K-911 (1999) James Belushi, Christine Tucci.				★★ The Astronaut Farmer (2007, Drama) Billy Bob Thornton.					★★★ Analyze This (1999, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal.					Mad Men "Souvenir"		(:02) ★★★ No Way Out	
ANPL	Untamed and Uncut		Nature's Vampires		Weird, True	Weird, True	Weird, True	Weird, True	Lost Tapes (N)		Weird, True	Weird, True	Lost Tapes		Weird, True	Weird, True	Nature's Vampires	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		You Are What You Eat		Dragon's Den		BBC World News America		You Are What You Eat		Dragon's Den		You Are What You Eat		Dragon's Den	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)				The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	Frankie-Neffe	Frankie-Neffe	The Mo'Nique Show (N)		The Wendy Williams Show		The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game
BRAVO	Flipping Out "Jenni 911"		Kathy Griffin: Straight to Hell		Flipping Out "Friend or Foe"		Flipping Out		Flipping Out (N)		Flipping Out		Million Dollar Listing		Flipping Out		The Rachel Zoe Project	
CMTV	Extreme Makeover: Home		Smarter	Smarter	The Singing Bee		★★ Caddyshack (1980) Chevy Chase, Premiere.				CMT Music	Smarter	Smarter	★★ Caddyshack (1980, Comedy) Chevy Chase.				CMT Music
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Marijuana Inc.: Pot Industry		Executive Vision (N)		Dirty Money: Prostitution		Mad Money		Marijuana Inc.: Pot Industry		Executive Vision		Net Millions	No Back Pain
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	RENO 911!	Tosh.0	Daily Show	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily Show	Colbert	South Park	South Park	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Rhys Darby
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington		C-SPAN's Supreme Court Week				Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Dirty Jobs "Vexcon"		Dirty Jobs "Vellum Maker"		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs (N)		Ghost Lab		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Ghost Lab		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Zack & Cody	Wizards	Han. Montana	Halloweentown II: Kalabar's Revenge (2001)			Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Han. Montana	Wizards	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon
E!	Take Miami	Take Miami	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	True Hollywood Story		Celebrity Beach Watch		Girls Next Dr	Take Miami	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Take Miami	Take Miami	Take Miami	Girls	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		E:60 (N)		30 for 30 (N)		2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker		SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball	NFL Live (N)	SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	College Football		Bidding Wars	Bidding Wars	Boxing: Haugen vs. Pazienza		PBA Bowling		NHL Hockey 1988 Detroit Red Wings at Los Angeles Kings.				American Gladiators		Boxing		Boxing	Boxing
ESPN2	Horn	Interruption	NFL Live	Football Live	College Football Middle Tennessee State at Troy. (Live)						30 for 30 (N)		SportsNation		2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker	
EWTN	Choices-Face	Restoration	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Religious	Holy Rosary	Threshold of Hope		Christ in City	Priesthood	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Threshold of Hope	
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record-Van Susteren		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute Meals	Challenge "Fire & Ice"		Ace of Cakes	The Next Iron Chef "Fearlessness"			Chopped Duck appetizers.		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Ace of Cakes	The Next Iron Chef "Fearlessness"			Chopped Duck appetizers.	
FSN	Steelers	Mike Tomlin	Profiles	Jay Glazer	UEFA Champions League Soccer Manchester United vs. Wolfsburg.			Final Score	Raw Tapes	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score		Final Score		Affliction	Toughman
FX	(5:00) ★★ White Chicks (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans.				★ Wild Hogs (2007, Comedy) Tim Allen, John Travolta.				Sons of Anarchy "Smite" (N)		(:03) Sons of Anarchy		'70s Show	'70s Show	(:03) Sons of Anarchy		Paid Program	Hair Club
GOLF	(4:30) Live From the Presidents Cup (Live)			Inside PGA	Approach	Live From the Presidents Cup (N)						Live From the Presidents Cup						Inside PGA
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Be-Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	$100,000 Pyr.	Pyramid
HALL	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House	House	First Place	First Place	House	Bang, Buck	House	House	Property	First Place	House	Bang, Buck	House	House	Property	First Place
HIST	Rogue Waves		Modern Marvels Water.		The Universe		The Universe "Space Wars"		How the Earth Was Made		That's Impossible Robots.		(12:01) The Universe		(:01) The Universe		How the Earth Was Made	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Sherri (N)	Rita Rocks	Reba	Reba	How I Met	How I Met	Sherri	Rita Rocks	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Sherri	Rita Rocks	Will & Grace	Paid Program
MSNBC	The Ed Show (N)		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	Disaster Date	Popzilla (N)	True Life		True Life "I'm Jealous"		The City	The Hills	The Hills (N)	The City (N)	The Hills	The City	True Life Pornography.		True Life		The Hills	The City
NICK	iCarly "iKiss"	True Jackson	iCarly	SpongeBob	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	(5:30) ★★ Look Who's Talking (1989)			★★★ Steel Magnolias (1989) Sally Field, Dolly Parton.					Naughty Kitchen		★★ Look Who's Talking (1989, Comedy) John Travolta.				The Tyra Show		The Tyra Show	
PCN	PCN Tours		PCN Call-In (Live)		PCN Primetime - pcntv.com				PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Late Night - pcntv.com				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Healthcare	NightTalk		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Program	NightTalk	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC Unleashed		Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Surviving Disaster (N)		DEA		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Star Trek: Voyager	
SYFY	Scare Tactics	Scare Tactics	Scare Tactics	Scare Tactics	Scare Tactics	Scare Tactics	Scare Tactics	Scare Tactics	ECW (Live)		Stir of Echoes: The Homecoming (2007) Rob Lowe.				Highlander "Innocent Man"		The X-Files	
TBS	Seinfeld	The Office	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Seinfeld	Sex and-City	★★ In the Army Now (1994) Pauly Shore, Andy Dick.			
TCM	(:15) ★★★ Kismet (1944) Ronald Colman. (DVS)				★★★ Easy to Love (1953, Musical) Esther Williams.				★★★ Million Dollar Mermaid (1952) Esther Williams.				★★ Pagan Love Song (1950) Howard Keel		★★ This Time for Keeps (1947)			
TLC	Dress	Dress	Ultimate Cake Off		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	20 Years, 20 Duggars		Child Frozen in Time		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	20 Years, 20 Duggars		Child Frozen in Time		Ultimate Cake Off	
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones "Fire in the Ice"		Bones		HawthoRNe "Night Moves"		Saving Grace "Popcorn"		HawthoRNe "Night Moves"		Saving Grace "Popcorn"		Cold Case "A Perfect Day"	
TOON	The Road to El Dorado		Johnny Test	Johnny Test	Total Drama	Total Drama	Stoked	6TEEN	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	Awesome	The Oblongs	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Zimmern's Bizarre World		Extreme Mega Factories		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Zimmern's Bizarre World		Zimmern's Bizarre World		Extreme Mega Factories		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Zimmern's Bizarre World	
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Rehab: Party at Hard Rock		Rehab: Party at Hard Rock		Rehab: Party at Hard Rock		Forensic	Forensic	The Investigators		The Investigators		Rehab: Party at Hard Rock	
TVLAND	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	3rd Rock-Sun	3rd Rock-Sun	3rd Rock-Sun	3rd Rock-Sun	3rd Rock-Sun	3rd Rock-Sun	3rd Rock-Sun	3rd Rock-Sun	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Psych "High Top Fade Out"		Into the Sun (2005)	
VH1	Divorces	Eddie Griffin	Eddie Griffin	Eddie Griffin	Real Chance of Love		Tool Academy		Tool Academy		(:05) My Antonio		Real Chance of Love		Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	TO Show
VS.	WrekCage	Sports Take	NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Philadelphia Flyers. (Live)					Hockey	Sports Soup	Whacked Out	Quest	Whacked Out	WEC WrekCage		Sports Soup	Whacked Out	WEC WrekCage	
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer "The One"		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		The Locator	The Locator
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		★★★ Octopussy (1983, Action) Roger Moore, Maud Adams.					Home Videos	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	First Sunday	Revenge of the Nerds II: Nerds in Paradise			★★ Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story				(:40) ★★★ Selena (1997, Biography) Jennifer Lopez, Jon Seda. 'PG'				(11:50) ★★★ The Sure Thing (1985)			★★★ Apocalypto (2006) 'R'		
HBO	(4:45) X-Men	★★★ The Fifth Element (1997) Bruce Willis. 'PG-13'				Where	★★ The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008)			Entourage	Curb-Enthsm		Curb, Enthus.	(:45) ★★ Hamlet 2 (2008) Steve Coogan. 'R'				Towelhead
MAX	(5:50) ★★★ Jurassic Park (1993) Sam Neill. 'PG-13'				★★★ The Bourne Ultimatum (2007) Matt Damon. 'PG-13'				★★ Booty Call (1997) Jamie Foxx. 'R'		Life on Top		★★★ Under Siege (1992) Steven Seagal.			(:45) Forbidden Science		Strangers
SHOW	★★★ Mr. Holland's Opus (1995, Drama) Richard Dreyfuss. iTV. 'PG'					The Cake Eaters (2007) Elizabeth Ashley.			Dexter (iTV)		Californ	Californ	Shaq & Cedric's All Star Comedy Jam			★ Bongwater (1998) Luke Wilson. iTV. 'R'		
STARZ	Armageddon	Starz Studios	(6:50) ★★ Swing Vote (2008) Kevin Costner. 'PG-13'				★★ Seven Pounds (2008, Drama) Will Smith. 'PG-13'				(:10) ★★ Lakeview Terrace (2008) Samuel L. Jackson.				(:05) ★★ Step Brothers (2008) 'R'			Sleepwalking
TMC	(5:45) Falcon Down (2000) Judd Nelson. 'R'		(:20) ★★ Stateside (2004, Drama) 'R'				★★ Feast of Love (2007) Morgan Freeman. 'R'				★★★ Lars and the Real Girl (2007) Ryan Gosling. 'PG-13'				(12:50) ★★ Cold & Dark (2005) Luke Goss.			Kemper

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Favre tops former team

Brett Favre's win over Green Bay Monday gives him victories over all 32 NFL teams. **3B**

Valley SPORTS

Twins ending dome era

Today's showdown with the Tigers could be the Twins' final game in the Metrodome. **4B**

Lady Rams win big

The Ringgold girls bounced back from a tough week with Monday's 9-0 pasting of West Mifflin. **4B**

Sports Trivia

Who wore No. 34 for the Pittsburgh Steelers before Rashard Mendenhall? **4B**

Last night's scores

N.Y. Rangers 3, New Jersey 2
Columbus 5, Vancouver 3

Brian **HERMAN**

Tenth win No. 1 for Mollis

Luke Mollis has won 10 games in his two and a half years as Charleroi High's football coach.

And it's no secret that the once-beaten Cougars' 26-20 victory at previously unbeaten Jeannette ranks as the biggest in his young coaching career. It was also Mollis' first win over a team with a winning record.

Charleroi's first three victims this season — East Allegheny, Brownsville and South Allegheny — are a combined 1-14.

Brownsville is 1-4 with an Interstate Conference opening 21-14 win over South Allegheny.

South Allegheny and East Allegheny, meanwhile, are both winless in five games.

In 2008, Charleroi's four wins were over Brownsville, Waynesburg, Washington and Mt. Pleasant. Brownsville, Waynesburg and Washington all finished with identical 1-8 records, while Mt. Pleasant closed at 4-6.

In Mollis' rookie season, the Cougars' two victories were over winless Carlynton and 4-6 Brentwood.

Before upsetting the Jayhawks, Charleroi's last victory over a winner was the 2006 season opener at arch-rival Monessen. The Greyhounds went 6-4 that season.

The last time Charleroi started out 4-1 was in 2005 with wins over Monessen, California, Fort Cherry and Burgettsown sandwiched around a loss to Beth-Center.

The Cougars, however, ended up losing three of their last four games and finished tied for fifth with Fort Cherry at 3-4 in the Class A Black Hills Conference behind Canevin, Beth-Center, Bentworth and Chartiers-Houston.

Charleroi will be home for thee of its final four Interstate Conference games. The Cougars get 1-4 Waynesburg and once-beaten McGuffey the next two Fridays before going to 3-2 Washington. They close the season at home with unbeaten Mt. Pleasant.

If Cougar sophomore Quentin Briggs doesn't get injured and can get some playoff games in, he should have a shot at breaking the school's career rushing record of 5,410 yards held by Darrell Harding since 1991. Briggs has 743 yards this season.

■ Speaking of runners, California had a rarity in the first game played on its new field Friday. in the Trojans' 41-6 Tri-County South Conference romp over Mapletown, three California players ran for more than 100 yards.

Quarterback D.J. Martinak led the way with 181 yards, followed by Mike Evans and Dylan Hunter with 101 and 100, respectively.

■ How rare are Belle Vernon Area's back-to-back one-point losses in their its two outings to Greensburg Salem and West Mifflin.

Over the last 10 years the Leps lost only one other one-pointer. That was to Elizabeth Forward, 23-22, on a Thursday night in the final game of the 2003 campaign.

■ And thanks to Jim Williams, of Perryopolis, who says a wise man always prepares for the inevitable!

Steelers run in new direction

Rashard Mendenhall makes case for starting job with 165-yard performance.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — They gave Rashard Mendenhall a new blocker, and the opportunity to redeem himself following one of the most embarrassing weeks by any Pittsburgh Steelers running back.

Most of all, they gave him the football, and not just once or twice in a game already decided. They gave it to him when it was scoreless, and when they had a big lead. They gave it to him near the goal line, and in long-yardage situations.

Maybe that's all Mendenhall needed after doing little for 18 months to show he deserved to be a first-round draft pick.

Only a week after coach Mike Tomlin wouldn't let him off the bench in Cincinnati because he couldn't correctly run plays in practice, Mendenhall ran over the San Diego Chargers for 165 yards and two touchdowns during the Steelers' 38-28 victory on Sunday night.

He didn't just successfully replace the injured Willie Parker, he made a big push to keep the job when Parker recovers from his left big toe injury. Mendenhall gave the Steelers (2-2) the goal-line back they've been looking for — he scored from the 1- and the 2-yard line — and ran for 70 yards during the fourth quarter alone.

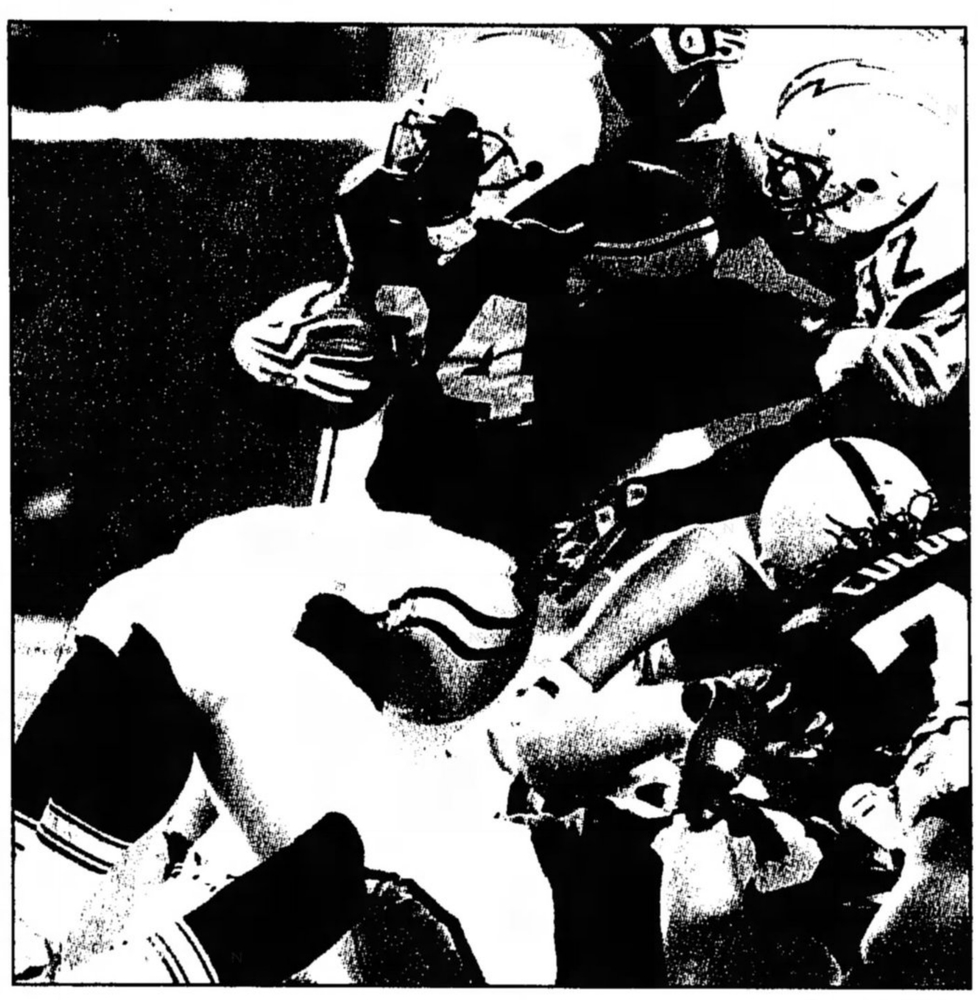
"I was able to be me and be comfortable," Mendenhall said. "All I wanted was a chance to be out there and to play and for people to be able to see me and who I am, because people haven't seen me play too much to this point."

Mendenhall might have grown up in one night, and perhaps the Steelers' offense did, too, as Ben Roethlisberger threw for 333 yards and two scores, Hines Ward had eight catches for 113 yards and tight end Heath Miller made eight for 70 yards. The Steelers outgained the Chargers 497-251.

Offensive coordinator Bruce Arians also lined up 330-pound lineman Doug Legursky — whose new nickname is Bronko, as in Hall of Famer Bronko Nagurski — as Mendenhall's lead blocker near the goal line.

"We drafted Rashard in the first round and he showcased tonight

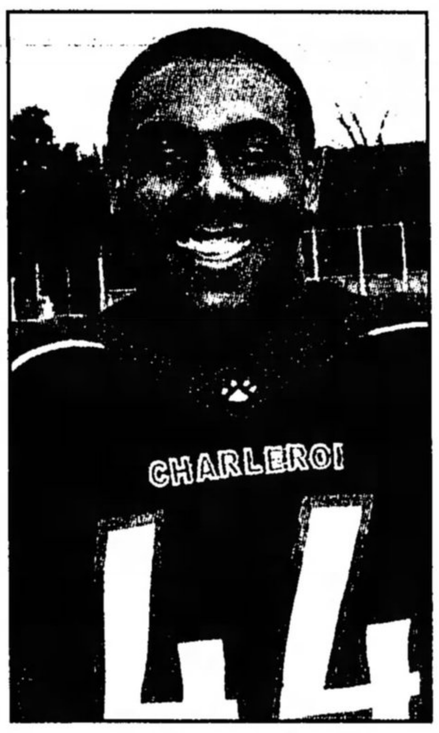
(See STEELERS, Page 3B)



Associated Press

Second-year running back Rashard Mendenhall had the best game of his career Sunday against San Diego.

Charleroi's Briggs Player of the Week



Charleroi's Quintin Briggs ran had 175 yards and two touchdowns Friday against Jeannette.

Sophomore back ran for 175 yards in Friday's upset win at Jeannette.

By JEFF OLIVER
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The Charleroi Cougars made a statement heard 'round the WPIAL when they went into previously undefeated Jeannette and came out a 26-20 winner in an Interstate Conference contest Friday.

And for the Cougars, no individual made a louder statement than running back Quentin Briggs.

The 5-10, 205-pound sophomore shredded the Jayhawks' defense for 175 yards on 32 carries. He also scored twice on runs of 7 and 34 yards.

For his efforts, Briggs is *The Valley Independent* Player of the Week for the second time this season.

Charleroi coach Luke Mollis said it was just another night at the office for his workhorse tailback.

"He just kind of wears teams down," Mollis said of Briggs. "He's pretty consistent at getting 4, 5 yards a clip and then he rips off a long one. He's been doing that every week.

"The thing about him is he's just so strong."

Mollis said his staff was not in awe going into Jeannette, partly because of the presence of Briggs.

"We were confident going in that we could run the ball on them," he said. "We felt it would be a good game and it was."

Players garnering honorable mention are:

■ Charleroi's Kyle Shannon, who caught two passes for 118 yards and a 75-yard touchdown and stood out defensively with 11 tackles, including five solos with four for losses.

■ Charleroi's Tommy Thorpe, who completed both of his passes for 118 yards and had an interception.

■ Monessen's Brett Crenshaw, who returned a kick 85 yards for a score and added 56 yards on nine carries in a 13-12 win over Beth-Center.

■ Monessen's Nick Bolias, who caught a game-winning 25-yard TD pass from Terrance Stepoli and then sealed the win with a last-minute interception.

■ Elizabeth Forward's Brandon Hill, who rushed for 72 yards and two TDs in a 30-14 win over Ringgold. He also caught a pass for 13 yards.

■ Ringgold quarterback Josh Burnisky, who completed 10 of 21 passes for 138 yards.

■ Belle Vernon Area's Matt Green, who rushed for 109 yards and scored on a 14-yard run in the Leps' 14-13 loss to West Mifflin.

■ California quarterback D.J. Martinak, who had 176 yards rushing and three TDs and passed for another score in a 41-6 romp over Mapletown.

■ California's Mike Evans, who ran for 103 yards.

■ California's Dylan Hunter, who ran for 100 yards.

Pirates not loveable — just losers

17 years of frustration have made them a punchline in the City of Champions.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — They said the losing had to stop, and it didn't. They said the familiar pattern of a player getting good and then getting gone would stop, and it didn't.

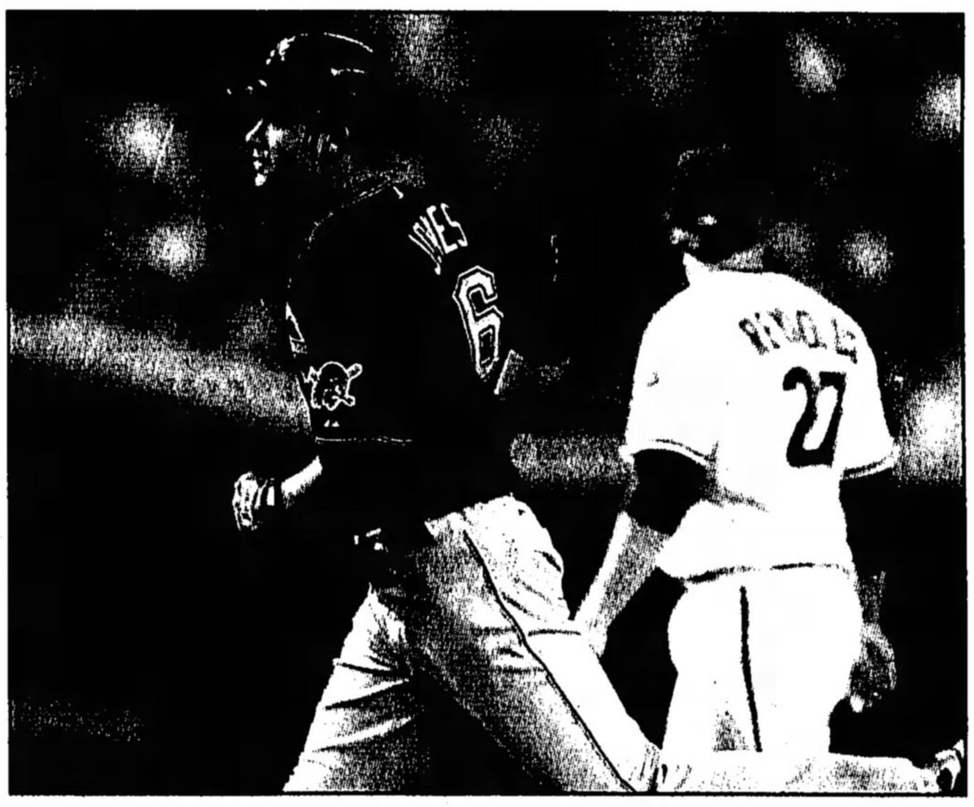
Instead, the losing didn't slow down for the Pittsburgh Pirates, it increased. The players kept leaving en masse. Attendance dipped yet again.

Flip the calendar, shuffle the roster — they're still the same old Pirates.

Just two of the eight starting position players projected at the start of spring training were in place when the season ended, but it made no difference.

The Pirates are the franchise that sets the standard for losing in American pro sports, and they certainly kept up the pace during a dismal 99-loss season in which the roster kept changing but not much else did.

Just days after team president Frank Coonelly said of his own club, "We expect this team, this year, to win," the Steelers won the Super Bowl. Barely a week after the Pirates angered their shrinking fan base by trading their most popular player, Nate McLouth, mere months after giving him a contract extension, the Penguins won the Stanley Cup.



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The emergence of Garrett Jones was one of the Pirates' few bright spots in a 99-loss season.

Yes, welcome to what's jokingly being referred to as the City of Champions — and the Pirates. They didn't win many games, but the Pirates certainly provided a lot of laughs.

Jay Leno made fun of them — in two different time slots. Saturday Night Live parodied them in a skit in which the Pirates mythically won the World Series (30 years after they last accomplished it). During the G-20 summit, a fan waded through an anarchists' rally with a sign protesting the Pirates' record-breaking 17th consecutive losing season. Former Pirates pitcher Sean Burnett called them the "laughingstock" of baseball.

Yuk, yuk, yuk. The Pirates' only problem was their latest bumbling act of a season was real, and their 62-99 record during the second worst of the 17 straight losing seasons illustrates how far they still must go to stop being an all-too-convenient punch line.

Freddy Sanchez, Jack Wilson, Nyjer Morgan? Gone. John Grabow, Ian Snell, Tom Gorzelanny? Gone. McLouth, Burnett and Adam LaRoche? Gone, too, all in deals that brought only prospects — some promising, some marginal — in return.

Neal Huntington, the ever-

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SPORTS

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	3	1	0	.750	74	57
New England	3	1	0	.750	87	71
Miami	1	3	0	.250	81	79
Buffalo	1	3	0	.250	74	110
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Indianapolis	4	0	0	1.000	106	62
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	97	86
Houston	2	2	0	.500	94	92
Tennessee	0	4	0	.000	75	108
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	124	80
Cincinnati	3	1	0	.750	84	76
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	85	78
Cleveland	0	4	0	.000	49	118
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	4	0	0	1.000	79	26
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	101	102
Oakland	1	3	0	.250	42	86
Kansas City	0	4	0	.000	64	112

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	4	0	0	1.000	107	64
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	94	72
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	96	78
Washington	2	2	0	.500	56	62
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
New Orleans	4	0	0	1.000	144	66
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	57	53
Carolina	0	3	0	.000	37	87
Tampa Bay	0	4	0	.000	54	107
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Minnesota	4	0	0	1.000	118	80
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	105	78
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	104	93
Detroit	1	3	0	.250	83	134
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	102	53
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	57	68
Seattle	1	3	0	.250	74	82
St. Louis	0	4	0	.000	24	108

Monday's Game

Minnesota 30, Green Bay 23

Sunday, Oct. 11

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Oakland at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Houston at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m.
Open: San Diego, Chicago, Green Bay, New Orleans

Monday, Oct. 12

N.Y. Jets at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

High school football

Class AAA
Big Seven Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	3	0	4	0
Thomas Jefferson	2	0	5	0
West Mifflin	2	1	4	1
Elizabeth Forward	1	2	3	2
Trintty	1	2	1	4
Ringgold	0	2	2	3
Belle Vernon Area	0	2	2	3

Friday

Chartiers Valley at Ringgold
BV Area at Trinity
Elizabeth Furward at T. Jefferson
West Mifflin at Uniontown

Keystone Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Greensburg Salem	2	0	4	1
Laurel Highlands	2	0	2	3
Uniontown	2	1	3	2
Albert Gallatin	1	2	2	3
Yough	1	2	1	4
Derry	1	2	1	4
Southmoreland	0	2	0	5

Friday

Greensburg Salem at Yough
Albert Gallatin at Southmoreland
Derry at L. Highlands
West Mifflin at Uniontown

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Mt. Pleasant	5	0	5	0
Charleroi	4	1	4	1
McGuffey	4	1	4	1
Jeannette	4	1	4	1
Washington	3	2	3	2
Greensburg Central	3	2	3	2
Waynesburg	1	4	1	4
Brownsville	1	4	1	4
South Allegheny	0	5	0	5
East Allegheny	0	5	0	5

Friday

Waynesburg at Charleroi
Brownsville at Mt. Pleasant
Greensburg C.C. at E. Allegheny
Washington at S. Allegheny
McGuffey at Jeannette

Class A
Tri-County South

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	3	0	3	2
California	3	0	4	1
Beth-Center	2	1	3	2
Jefferson-Morgan	2	1	4	1
Carmichaels	1	2	1	4
Geibel	1	2	2	3
West Greene	0	3	0	5
Mapletown	0	3	0	5

Friday

Carmichaels at California
West Greene at Jeff-Morgan
Beth-Center at Mapletown

Saturday

Monessen at Geibel, noon

Black Hills Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Clairton	3	0	4	1
Fort Cherry	2	1	4	1
Chartiers-Houston	2	1	4	1
Serra	2	1	4	1
Burgettstown	2	1	3	2
Frazier	1	2	2	3
Bentworth	0	3	1	4
Avella	0	3	1	4

Friday

Bentworth at Serra
Burgettstown at Frazier
Char-Houston at Clairton
Fort Cherry at Avella

WNBA Finals

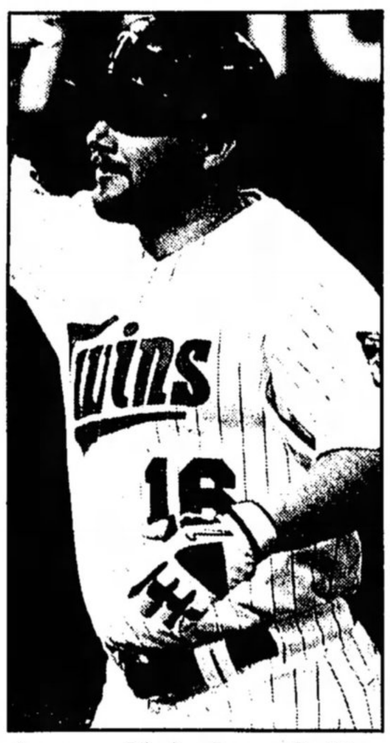
Indiana leads series 2-1

Wednesday

Phoenix at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m., if necessary



Jason Kubel and the Minnesota Twins will host the Tigers at 5 p.m. on WTBS.

Sports dial

Today
Television

5 p.m. - WTBS - Detroit at Minnesota, baseball.
7 p.m. - Versus - Washington at Philadelphia, hockey.
8 p.m. - ESPN2 - Middle Tennessee State at Troy, college football.

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Peters Township	6	0	0	8	2	1
Upper St. Clair	5	1	0	9	1	1
Canon-McMillan	4	2	0	8	4	0
Ringgold	2	4	0	7	4	0
Moon	1	5	0	3	7	1
Trinity	0	6	0	2	10	0

Today

Ringgold at Canon-McMillan
Peters Twp. at Upper St. Clair
Trinity at Moon

Class AA
Section 3

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
S'moreland	8	1	0	8	3	0
South Park	6	1	0	8	2	0
Belle Vernon Area	6	2	1	9	3	1
Thomas Jefferson	5	3	1	6	5	1
Elizabeth Forward	4	5	0	6	7	0
Steel Valley	3	5	0	4	6	0
Uniontown	1	7	0	1	10	0
Yough	0	9	0	0	10	0

Monday

Steel Valley 8, Uniontown 1
Latrobe 5, Yough 0

Today

Belle Vernon Area at Steel Valley
Elizabeth Forward at South Park
Thomas Jefferson at Unontown
Yough at Southmoreland

Class A
Section 1

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Grb. Central	9	0	0	9	3	0
Geibel	6	3	0	9	3	0
Trinity Christian	6	3	0	7	3	0
Serra	5	3	0	8	3	0
Winchester Thurs.	3	4	1	4	5	1
California	3	5	1	6	7	1
South Allegheny	2	6	0	2	8	0
Brownsville	0	10	0	0	13	0

Monday

Indiana 2, Grb. Central 0
Winchester Thurston 8, Bentwood 3

Today

California at WinchesterThurston
Geibel at Trinity Christian
Grb. Central at Serra

Section 4

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Carlynton	7	0	1	9	1	2
Bentworth	6	1	1	6	5	1
Charleroi	5	2	0	8	3	0
C-Houston	4	4	0	4	8	1
Monessen	2	5	1	4	6	1
Brentwood	1	6	1	2	8	1
Beth-Center	0	7	0	3	8	0

Today

Bentworth at Charleroi
Chartiers-Houston at Monessen
Beth-Center at Carlynton
Brentwood at Quigley

Area golf

At Cedarbrook
Belle Vernon Area - 194

Kyle Naden, 36; Tyber Lustig, 37; Bo Lustig,39; Kirby Manown, 40; Tim Moore, 42. Non-count: Brad Antal,43.

Ringgold - 220

Mike Yavorsky, 38; Rico Rodriguez, 41; Connor kane, 43; Devin DiPiazza, 47; Nick Feld, 51. Non-count: Ross DeLattre, 60.

At Linden Hall
Frazier - 215

DJ Hudik, 41; Tyler Rock, 42; Nick Hawranko, 43; Robert Gondur, 44; Zach Smalich, 45. Non-count: Wyatt Tidholm, 52.

Derry - 234

Greyson Lattimer, 44; Alex Thomson, 45; James Malloy and Brad Campell, 48; Logan Patterson, 49. Non-count: Sam Geary, 51,

At Foxwood Acres
Bentworth - 201

Garrett Damich, 36; Kyle Kubovcik, 39; Clay Roman, 40; Ty Bell, 41; Adam Bell, 45.

Washington - 275

Dan Crumrine, 45; Sam Interval, 51; Corey Iams, 56; Ryan Mooney, 58; Sean Mooney, 65.

Wii bowling

Monessen Senior Center
Standings

Croushore, 31-18; Vivio, 28-21; petritis, 27-22; Niccolai, 26-23; Petronick, 18-31; Tineri, 16-33.

High scores

Harry Niccolai, 255-671; John Koval, 243-663; Ron Croushore, 232-661; John Petritis, 257-646; Mary Ann Valeri, 257-628; Nancy Dzurco, 255-621; Lou Ann Petronick, 214-604; Frank Gigliotti, 226-600; Mary Ann Tineri, 225-596; Mary Ann Gallo, 235-566.

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	League W	League L	League T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Mt. Lebanon	7	1	0	9	3	0
Canon-McMillan	7	1	0	10	4	0
Upper St. Clair	7	1	0	6	4	0
Ringgold	3	6	0	5	8	0
Trinity	2	6	0	4	7	0
Elizabeth Forward	2	6	0	3	9	0
West Mifflin	0	7	0	2	9	0

Monday

Ringgold 9, West Mifflin 0
Mt. Lebanon 3, Elizabeth Forward 0
Upper St. Clair 9, Trinity 1
Hollidayburg 3, C-McMillan 2

Wednesday

Ringgold at Upper St. Clair
Elizabeth at West Mifflin
Mt. Lebanon at C-McMillan
Trinity at McGuffey

Section 6

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
S'moreland	8	0	2	8	1	2
Belle Vernon Area	8	0	2	10	2	2
Connellsville	6	4	0	7	7	0
Yough	5	5	0	7	6	0
Waynesburg	5	5	0	6	7	0
Laurel Highlands	4	6	0	5	8	0
Uniontown	2	8	0	3	9	0
Albert Gallatin	0	10	0	0	12	0

Monday

Belle Vernon Area 1, Connellsville 0
S'moreland 9, Albert Gallatin 0
Laurel Highlands 1, Waynesburg 0
Yough 2, Uniontown 0

Wednesday

Albert Gallatin at Belle Vernon Area
Connellsville at Yough
S'moreland at Laurel Highlands
Uniontown at Waynesburg

Class AA
Section 1

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
South Park	9	0	0	11	1	0
South Fayette	6	1	0	7	3	1
McGuffey	7	2	0	8	4	0
Bentworth	3	6	0	6	7	0
Charleroi	3	6	0	6	8	0
C-Houston	1	6	0	1	10	1
Beth-Center	0	8	0	2	9	0

Monday

South Park 5, Charleroi 0
South Fayette 5, Bentworth 0
McGuffey 9, Beth-Center 1
C-Houston 0, Keystone Oaks 0

Wednesday

South Fayette at Charleroi
C-Houston at Bentworth
South Park at Beth-Center

Section 6

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Mt. Pleasant	6	1	0	8	2	0
Grb. Central	6	2	0	10	3	1
Geibel	6	2	0	8	4	0
Jeannette	4	3	1	5	5	2
Monessen	2	5	1	4	6	1
St. Joseph	1	5	0	2	7	0
East Allegheny	0	7	0	1	8	0

Monday

Jeannette 2, Monessen 1
Geibel 9, East Allegheny 1

Today

Serra at Jeannette

Wednesday

Mt. Pleasant at Monessen
Geibel at St. Joseph
Grb. Central at East Allegheny

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	2	2	0	0	4	7	2
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	0	4	7	5
N.Y. Rangers	3	2	1	0	4	10	7
N.Y. Islanders	1	0	0	1	1	3	4
New Jersey	2	0	2	0	0	4	8
Northeast Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Montreal	2	2	0	0	4	6	4
Boston	2	1	1	0	2	8	6
Buffalo	1	0	0	1	1	1	2
Toronto	2	0	1	1	1	7	10
Ottawa	1	0	1	0	0	2	5
Southeast Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Washington	2	2	0	0	4	10	5
Atlanta	1	1	0	0	2	6	3
Florida	2	1	1	0	2	4	7
Tampa Bay	1	0	1	0	0	3	6
Carolina	2	0	2	0	0	2	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	2	2	0	0	4	7	4
St. Louis	2	2	0	0	4	9	6
Chicago	2	1	0	1	3	7	4
Nashville	1	1	0	0	2	3	2
Detroit	2	0	2	0	0	6	9
Northwest Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Calgary	2	2	0	0	4	9	6
Colorado	2	2	0	0	4	8	2
Minnesota	1	0	1	0	0	1	2
Edmonton	1	0	1	0	0	3	4
Vancouver	3	0	3	0	0	6	13
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Phoenix	1	1	0	0	2	6	3
San Jose	2	1	1	0	2	6	6
Dallas	1	0	0	1	1	2	3
Anaheim	1	0	1	0	0	1	4
Los Angeles	1	0	1	0	0	3	6

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Monday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 3, New Jersey 2
Columbus 5, Vancouver 3

Today's Games

Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Columbus	12	5	10	46	40	29
Chicago	10	7	11	41	38	34
New England	10	9	8	38	32	36
D.C.	8	8	12	36	40	42
Toronto FC	9	10	8	35	35	40
Kansas City	8	11	8	32	29	35
New York	4	18	6	18	22	45
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Houston	12	8	8	44	36	27
x-Los Angeles	11	6	11	44	34	31
Chivas USA	12	9	5	41	28	25
Seattle	10	7	11	41	33	26
Colorado	10	8	10	40	41	33
Real SaltLake	9	11	7	34	38	34
FC Dallas	9	12	6	33	45	43
San Jose	7	12	7	28	32	43

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday

FC Dallas at San Jose, 10 p.m.

High school football rankings

Pennsylvania high school football rankings from The Patriot-News of Harrisburg for the week of Oct. 5, with school's district in parentheses, followed by the school's record and last week's ranking.

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Bishop McDevitt	(3)	5-0	1
2. North Penn	(1)	5-0	2
3. Gateway	(7)	5-0	3
4. St. Josephs Prep	(12)	4-1	4
5. McKeesport	(7)	4-1	5
6. La Salle College	(12)	4-1	6
7. Abington	(1)	4-0	7
8. Downingtown West	(1)	5-0	8
9. McDowell	(10)	4-1	10
10. Woodland Hills	(7)	4-1	NR

Honorable mention

Bethel Park (7) 4-1, Cardinal OHara (12) 5-0, Cumberland Valley (3) 4-1, Father Judge (12) 4-1, Henderson (1) 5-0, Neshaminy (1) 4-1, North Allegheny (7) 4-1, Pennsbury (1) 5-0, Pittsburgh Central Catholic (7) 3-2, Ridley (1) 5-0, Shaler (7) 5-0, State College (6) 4-1, Upper St. Clair (7) 4-1.

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Thomas Jefferson	(7)	5-0	1
2. Selinsgrove	(4)	5-0	2
3. Wilson Area	(11)	5-0	3
4. Cathedral Prep	(10)	4-1	4
5. Manheim Central	(3)	5-0	5
6. Hopewell	(7)	5-0	6
7. Abington Heights	(2)	5-0	8
8. Pottsgrove	(1)	5-0	7
9. Bayard Rustin	(1)	5-0	9
10. Allentown CC	(11)	5-0	10

Honorable mention

Bradford (10) 5-0, Chartiers Valley (7) 5-0, Cocalico (3) 4-1, Dallas (2) 5-0, Daniel Boone (3) 5-0, Elco (3) 5-0, Greencastle-Antrim (3) 5-0, Susquehanna Twp. (3) 5-0, West Allegheny (7) 4-1, West York (3) 5-0.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Beaver Falls	(7)	5-0	2
2. Dunmore	(2)	5-0	3
3. Montoursville	(4)	5-0	7
4. Aliquippa	(7)	4-1	9
5. General McLane	(10)	5-0	10
6. West Catholic	(12)	3-2	4
7. Lancaster Catholic	(3)	4-1	5
8. Martinsburg Central	(6)	5-0	6
9. Hickory	(10)	3-1	8
10. Wilmington	(10)	4-1	1

Honorable mention

Bok (12) 5-0, Burrell (7) 4-1, Center (7) 5-0, Charleroi (7) 4-1, Forest Hills (6) 5-0, Freeport (7) 4-1, Hughesville (4) 5-0, Jeanette (7) 4-1, Karns City (9) 5-0, Keystone Oaks (7) 4-1, Northern Lehigh (11) 4-1, North Schuylkill (11) 5-0, Seton-LaSalle (7) 4-1, Shady Side Academy (7) 4-1, South Fayette (7) 5-0, Sto-Rox (7) 4-1, Towanda (4) 5-0, Trinity (3) 4-1.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Rochester	(7)	5-0	1
2. Farrell	(10)	5-0	2
3. Bishop McCort	(6)	5-0	3
4. Laurel	(7)	4-1	4
5. Clairton	(7)	4-1	5
6. Steelton-Highspire	(3)	3-1	6
7. Old Forge	(2)	5-0	NR
8. Bellwood-Antis	(6)	5-0	10
9. Portage	(6)	5-0	7
10. Serra Catholic	(7)	4-1	9

Honorable mention

Avonworth (7) 4-1, Cameron County (9) 5-0, Conemaugh Twp. (5) 4-1, Line Mountain (4) 5-0, Mercyhurst Prep (10) 5-0, Moshannon Valley (6) 5-0, North Catholic (7) 3-2, Sharpsville (10) 5-0, Southern Columbia (4) 3-2, South Side Beaver (7) 4-1, Springdale (7) 4-1, Upper Dauphin (3) 5-0.

Sports moves

BASEBALL
American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Named Michael Bucek vice president-marketing and business development.

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Announced the contract of hitting coach Steve Henderson will not be renewed and the position of quality assurance coach, held by Todd Greene, will be discontinued.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Announced third base coach Chip Hale and first base coach Lorenzo Bundy will not return. Signed Kirk Gibson, bench coach, to a two-year contract extension.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Trevor Hoffman on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS—Announced first-base coach Luis Alicea will not return next season, bench coach Sandy Alomar Sr. will be offered another position within the organization and third-base coach Razor Shines and catching instructor Sandy Alomar Jr. will remain with the staff but will have different roles.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

DENVER NUGGETS—Waived F Keith Brumbaugh.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Waived F Rashad Jones-Jennings.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Released K Mike Nugent and CB Marcus Hamilton. Signed K Shane Andrus.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

DETROIT RED WINGS—Assigned G Daniel Larsson to Grand Rapids (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Placed RW Brendan Shanahan on the non-roster list. Activated RW Ilkka Pikkarainen from injured reserve.

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Assigned D Joe Callahan to Worcester (AHL).

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned G Ben Bishop to Peoria (AHL).

COLLEGE

EAST CAROLINA—Named John Gutekunst assistant football coach. Announced assistant football coach Thomas Roggeman has gone on indefinite medical leave.

NBA preseason

Monday's Games

Detroit 87, Miami 83
Orlando 110, Dallas 105

Today's Games

Utah vs. Chicago at London, 2:30 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.
Memphis vs. Washington at Richmond, Va., 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Partizan at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 10 p.m.

Latest Line

BEST BET: Middle Tennessee State is only 2-8-1 vs. the spread its last 11 conference games and 0-4 vs. the spread its last 4 games following a bye week. Troy is a solid 13-5 vs. the spread its last 18 games following a straight-up win. The Trojans are also 7-3 vs. the spread their last 10 home games. The betting favorite is 6-1 vs. the spread the last 7 games in this series. Take Troy -5 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points		Underdog
Sunday, Oct 11			
Week Five			
Minnesota	10	(40)	ST. LOUIS
Dallas	8 1/2	(43)	KAN. CITY
CAROLINA	3 1/2	(37)	Washington
PHILADELPHIA	14	(43)	Tampa Bay
NY GIANTS	16	(41)	Oakland
BUFFALO	6	(40)	Cleveland
BALTIMORE	8	(42)	Cincinnati
Pittsburgh	10 1/2	(41)	DETROIT
SAN FRAN	2 1/2	(43)	Atlanta
New England	3 1/2	(42)	DENVER
ARIZONA	5	(48)	Houston
SEATTLE	1	(43)	Jacksonville
Indianapolis	3 1/2	(46)	TENNESSEE
Monday, Oct 12			
NY Jets	2	(37)	MIAMI

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
TROY	5	Middle Tenn St
Thursday, Oct 8		
Nebraska	3	MISSOURI
Friday, Oct 9		
NEVADA	8	Louisiana Tech
Saturday, Oct 10		
West Virginia	10	SYRACUSE
Michigan St	4	ILLINOIS
VA TECH	13 1/2	Boston College
C. MICHIGAN	23	Eastern Michigan
NC ST	15 1/2	Duke
WAKE FOREST	11	Maryland
VIRGINIA	7	Indiana
MINNESOTA	3 1/2	Purdue
PITTSBURGH	9	Connecticut
N'WESTERN	20 1/2	Miami-Ohio
KANSAS	20	Iowa St
Alabama	6 1/2	MISSISSIPPI
TEMPLE	13 1/2	Ball St
Vanderbilt	11	ARMY
WYOMING	11	New Mexico
Houston	2 1/2	MISSISSIPPI ST
Arizona	3	WASHINGTON
Bowling Green	5	KENT ST
Stanford	2	OREGON ST
TENNESSEE	1 1/2	Georgia
Marshall	3	TULANE
TEXAS TECH	17	Kansas St
TEXAS	32	Colorado
FLORIDA ST	3	Georgia Tech
OHIO ST	13 1/2	Wisconsin
Oklahoma St	7 1/2	TEXAS A&M
Arizona St	20	WASH. ST
Ohio	4	AKRON
Utah	7	COLORADO ST
Oregon	5	UCLA
TOLEDO	8	W. Michigan
Southern Miss	3	LOUISVILLE
S. CAROLINA	11	Kentucky
Auburn	2 1/2	ARKANSAS
OKLAHOMA	25	Baylor
Navy	13	RICE
Tcu	10	AIR FORCE
East Carolina	7	SMU
Florida	9	LSU
IOWA	8	Michigan
Utah St	13	N. MEXICO ST
Texas El Paso	3	MEMPHIS
SAN JOSE ST	4	Idaho
Byu	16 1/2	UNLV
Fresno St	9	HAWAII
Fla Inter.	3	W. KENTUCKY
UL-LAFAYETTE	6	North Texas

Baseball

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
American League		
One Game Playoff		
MINNESOTA	7-8	Detroit
Wednesday, Oct 7		
Division Series-Best of Five		
National League		
Game One		
PHILADELPHIA	5 1/2-6 1/2	Colorado
St. Louis	6-7	LA DODGERS

NHL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
CAROLINA	1/2-1	Tampa Bay
TORONTO	Even-1/2	Ottawa
PHILADELPHIA	Even-1/2	Washington
CALGARY	1/2-1	Montreal
MINNESOTA	Even-1/2	Anaheim
EDMONTON	Even-1/2	Dallas
San Jose	1/2-1	LOS ANGELES

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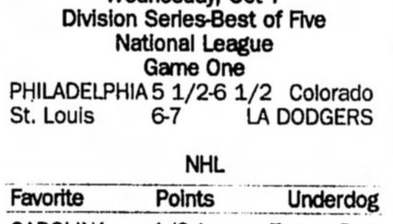
West Division

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	3	0	5	1
California	3	0	4	2
Slippery Rock	2	1	5	1
Mercyhurst	2	1	3	3
Clarion	2	1	3	3
Indiana	0	3	3	3
Gannon	0	3	2	4
Lock Haven	0	3	0	5

Saturday's games

Noon - Gannon at Mercyhurst
2 p.m. - Edinboro at Indiana
6 p.m. - California at Lock Haven; Clarion at Slippery Rock



Belle Vernon Area's Bill Contz spent four NFL seasons with the Cleveland Browns (1983-86).

Pirates

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optimistic general manager who has few financial resources to work with other than a competitive draft day budget, acknowledges 2010 and 2011 could be tough, too.

This season was bad enough, with a late-season stretch of 23 losses in 26 games, no player with more than 64 RBIs (Andy LaRoche), no pitcher with more than 11 wins (Ross Ohlendorf and Zach Duke) and a closer (Matt Capps) with a 5.80 ERA and 8 losses.

For the second year in a row, the Pirates collapsed after their roster was gutted by trade deadline deals; a year ago, they dropped 41 of their final 60, this time it 46 of the final 65 (including 27 of the final 36). Their 22-58 road record was their worst since the NL adopted a 162-game season in 1962.

Manager John Russell (129-194 in two seasons) is repeatedly praised by management for his calm, never-get-rattled approach, but some players said he is virtually noncommunicative for long stretches. Others are unhappy that Russell constantly refuses to argue close calls, creating the impression the players are on their own — and that the Pirates are a team that can be pushed around.

Russell and Huntington are unsigned past next season, but Huntington said 2009 can be blamed on him, even though owner Bob Nutting has shown no signs of being willing to spend the money necessary to field a competitive team.

"People are shocked we didn't make staff changes because we lost 90-plus games again this year; it's the era of human sacrifice, someone has to go if the team doesn't win," Huntington said. "Well, the reality is the losses this year are on me. We took the veteran players on this group and we put a group of young players out there and it is not fair to evaluate this staff based on wins and losses."

Russell had a similar view.

"Take away the wins and losses — which you can't, because that's what we're about — I think some guys made some good strides," he said.

There were glimmers of hope. Andrew McCutchen (.286, 12 homers, 54 RBIs) played every day but one after McLouth left and looks like a fixture in center field. Garrett Jones, a 28-

SPORTS

Vintage Favre beats Packers

Green Bay legend throws three touchdown passes in 30-23 win over his former team.

By DAVE CAMPBELL
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Brett Favre was clearly uncomfortable this week with all the attention on this reunion, trying to downplay the significance of playing the Green Bay Packers and stumbling through denials that his main motivation to unretire last year was revenge.

In the hours before kickoff, though, the game's magnitude dawned on him and spawned nerves he hadn't felt in a long time.

On Monday night, Favre became the first quarterback in history to beat all 32 NFL teams — and the last one sure meant a lot.

Favre's first game against his former team was all fun for the Minnesota Vikings and all frustration for the Packers, as the graying quarterback kept his cool and connected for three touchdown passes and 271 yards in a 30-23 victory.

"I don't know how to explain it. I felt right, but I guess I never thought I'd be in that situation," Favre said.

Favre went 24 for 31, without a turnover.

"Didn't expect him to do that," Packers cornerback Charles Woodson said. "I thought we would play better, but obviously we didn't. And, you know, give him a lot of credit. Played a great game, and apparently he got his wish tonight and stuck it to us pretty good."

Favre celebrated his first scoring toss with an awkward body bump with kicker Ryan Longwell, also a former Packers teammate, and knocked down Chester Taylor on the next one — showing plenty of emotion on this most emotional night. He stayed poised in the pocket all night, too, and avoided the risky throws that have defined his career almost as much as the success.

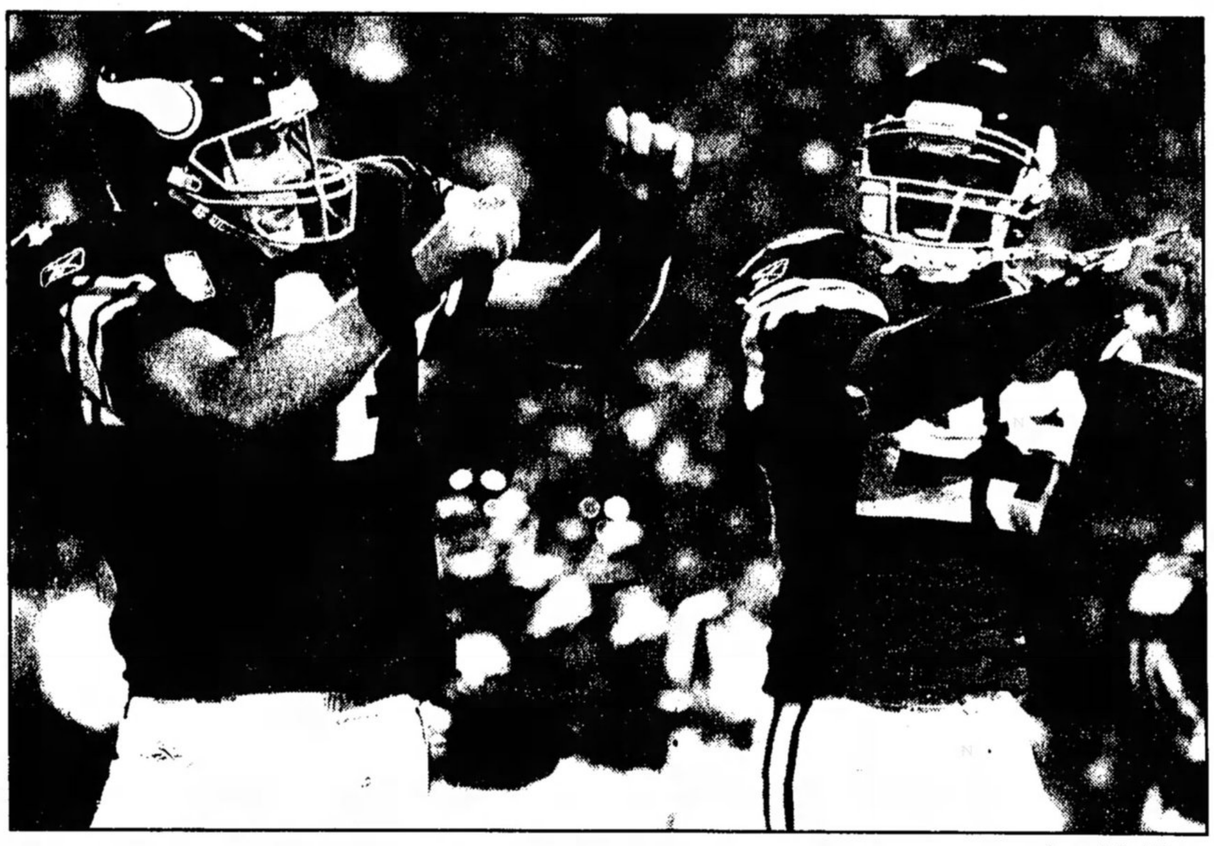
"It's why I play the game. It was fun. It never gets old to me, even though I do," Favre said.

The Vikings (4-0) sacked Favre's replacement, Aaron Rodgers, eight times.

Jared Allen was credited with 4 1/2 of them, a career high, including a safety in the fourth quarter that stretched the lead to 16. Rodgers had his first two turnovers of the season, and Favre turned both of them into vintage touchdown passes in the first half.

"I definitely wanted to get this win for Brett," teammate Adrian Peterson said. "It was a big game for him, even though he downplayed it a lot, but you just knew it. You could see it in his eyes."

Favre hugged Rodgers and several other Packers once the game was over.



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Minnesota's Brett Favre, left, celebrates with Chester Taylor after Favre threw a touchdown pass Monday night.

"I've been saying all along the guy can play. I just wanted to relay that to him," Favre said of his former backup in Green Bay.

Rodgers tried to engineer the kind of drive his predecessor is famous for, but he came up short.

"Below my expectations, definitely," Rodgers said. "To have three possessions where you're in their territory and come away with zero points, two of them are directly related to mistakes by myself, that's disappointing."

Favre enjoyed impeccable protection from his line throughout the game, getting so much time on some throws he could have changed his mind two or three times about whether to play or retire next year.

Rodgers had the exact opposite experience — often hanging onto the ball too long. He finished 26 for 37 for a career-high 384 yards, many of them in desperation down the stretch, and two touchdown passes.

Rodgers has been sacked 20 times already this season.

"It's obviously an issue that's gone on for four weeks," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "You can't play this way. We're playing way too up and down, and it's hurting us."

The Vikings were relentless in their rush, particularly Allen on left tackle Daryn Colledge, who left in the third quarter with a right knee injury. Colledge moved from left guard two weeks ago when Chad Clifton got hurt.

Rodgers' receivers let him down, too, though. On fourth-and-goal at the 1 in the third quarter, Rodgers found tight end Donald Lee open in the end zone. But the ball bounced off Lee's chest and onto the turf, as Rodgers snapped his head back with his hands on the sides of his helmet.

The Packers (2-2) stuffed Peterson with their new 3-4 defense, holding him to 12 yards on 11 attempts in the second half and 55 yards for the game. They even turned one short gain directly into points: Rookie Clay Matthews joined a gang tackle and ripped the ball out, returning it 42 yards to tie the score at 14.

"I was hoping we'd run the ball better than that," Favre said. "Against a defense like that you don't want to throw the ball that many times. But it was better than I thought it'd be."

One of the most excitable players football has ever seen, Favre's history in emotional games has been mixed.

In 2003, on Monday night against Oakland after the death of his father, Favre threw for 399 yards and four touchdowns. In 1999, though, he went 14 for 35 with four interceptions in his first game against Mike Holmgren after the former Packers head coach took over in Seattle.

Favre said he felt on this night a lot like he did in that game after his dad died.

Said Vikings coach Brad Childress: "Some games tickle you a little bit more than others."

Steelers

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what he can do. Once Willie gets back, we've got a great 1-2 punch," Ward said. "We showed a lot of teams in the NFL that if we continue to stay on the ground, we have a nice offense."

This certainly wasn't the Mendenhall the Steelers saw when he gained only 103 yards in his first seven career games — the runner who appeared to be trying to get by on talent alone. Last season was a lost one for Mendenhall, who missed the final four months with a fractured shoulder, and this season was starting out that way, too.

It's bad enough to get benched for fumbling, or not producing, or failing to block. But to get sent to the bench for not knowing the plays? These are the Steelers, the franchise of Franco Harris and Jerome Bettis, and that simply isn't supposed to happen.

"It's frustrating being a player, a competitor ... last week not being able to play," Mendenhall said. "When you finally get a chance, you've got to be able to take advantage of any opportunities you get."

Mendenhall heard himself being called a wasted draft pick, and a soft runner whose personality didn't fit that of the team he played for. What apparently got to him was the message sent by his coach.

"A lot of people have been down on him, so he definitely had something to prove," Parker said. "He had a good week of practice, when it was all about him. He definitely paid attention to all the little details, he took it to the practice field and he came out and played like he practiced."

Ward also could tell that Mendenhall was motivated.

"There's a maturity factor," Ward said. "It's his second year in the league, and the light really hasn't gone on yet. You're going to play the way you practice. Coach Tomlin challenged him and he got his opportunity, and he carried the workload. He responded, and he's going to be a special back for years to come."

With Parker still recovering, Mendenhall is expected to remain the starter Sunday at Detroit. Before Parker was hurt, Parker played two series for every one that Mendenhall got, but that could change, too.

"Wanting to be great and to produce at this level, that's something I've been working toward since I've been here," Mendenhall said.

On Monday, the Steelers released running back Isaac Redman, the former Bowie State player who had a standout training camp, and brought back defensive end Nick Eason.

Roethlisberger, linemen powerful presence on 'Raw'

Quarterback serves as guest host for wrestling show.

For The Valley Independent

Big Ben did a lot of talking, but no wrestling in his off-day appearance at Monday Night Raw last night.

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger laid the verbal smack down as guest host of World Wrestling Entertainment's cable television show that was broadcast live last night from Wilkes-Barre.

Since Roethlisberger's involvement with the wrestling show was announced last week, his participation was questioned because it came in the middle of the Steelers' season. But Monday is the players' day off, and Big Ben used the occasion to take his offensive linemen with him to Wilkes-Barre.

Max Starks, Willie Colon, Trai Essex, Justin Hartwig, Chris Kemoeatu and injured lineman Darnell Stapleton helped their quarterback fend off a challenge by the Big Show and Chris Jericho midway through the two-hour scripted program.

Roethlisberger was standing in the ring and talking to fans when he was interrupted by the two wrestlers, who questioned the offensive line's size and toughness. Roethlisberger summoned the six linemen to the ring, and they crouched into a three-point stance and prepared to help Big Ben run a "quarterback sneak" against the wrestlers.

Jericho and the Big Show quickly exited the ring before any contact was made.

In another segment, Roethlisberger engaged in some verbal jousting with The Miz and introduced a "Diva Bowl" matchup between the organization's female wrestlers.

Roethlisberger was introduced at the outset of the show to the sound of the Monday Night Football theme song. He was greeted by a smattering of boos from the pro-Philadelphia crowd and acknowledged there were Eagles fans in the arena. He also acknowledged the Steelers fans in attendance and proclaimed that everyone was united in being WWE Raw fans.

The show ended with Roethlisberger and the linemen celebrating in the ring with Shawn Michaels and Triple H, who defeated the Big Show and Jericho in a tag-team match. The Steelers helped Michaels and Triple H win the match by forming a human wall that kept Jericho from fleeing the exit ramp.

WWE did run two commercials plugging Roethlisberger's charitable foundation: www.bigben7.com.

Tebow not cleared to practice, play

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) -- Florida quarterback Tim Tebow is reading, watching television, attending class, studying tape and doing everything else he was before his concussion.

Except practicing.

Florida coach Urban Meyer said Monday his star player has not been cleared to practice or play against fourth-ranked LSU on Saturday night. But Meyer added that the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner is no longer dealing with post-concussion symptoms.

"From what I understand, there's no symptoms and I think he's cleared to act like Tim Tebow," Meyer said. "Everything but practice right now. I know he's allowed to watch TV. Earlier in the week he wasn't allowed to do anything focused. I guess that's normal protocol, then after a week, they acclimate."

Meyer said Tebow has been without headaches and other symptoms for several days. He said Tebow was given balance and memory tests Friday, Sunday and Monday - part of the school's baseline neurological testing — and the results were "very positive."

Tebow was hospitalized overnight nine days ago after his helmet struck teammate Marcus Gilbert's leg during a sack at Kentucky. The top-ranked Gators (4-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) have declined to divulge all of Tebow's symptoms and the severity of his concussion. They talked about making the athletic trainer available for interviews last week, but it never happened.

The most significant updates have come from Meyer, who said Tebow skipped every practice last week. Meyer wasn't sure whether Tebow would return this week.

Could Tebow play if he receives clearance late in the week? "I can't answer that," Meyer said. "Can Tim play quarterback at Florida against a very good defense without practicing? I don't know that. It's going to be as we move on."

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Games of Oct. 10-11

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HOW TO PLAY

Select a winner from each of the week's games, listed below. Select in descending order of your CONFIDENCE in your choices. Win points at left for each correct selection toward possible total of 136 points. See complete rules below. You must be at least 8 (eight) years old to enter.

To enter, fill out this form and return to the address at right.

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TIEBREAKER 1 ☐ Total points scored (both teams) in GIANTS game

TIEBREAKER 2 ☐ Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Cincinnati at Baltimore	Pittsburgh at Detroit
Washington at Carolina	Oakland at NY Giants
Dallas at Kansas City	Minnesota at St. Louis
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia	Houston at Arizona
Atlanta at San Francisco	New England at Denver
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1. Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 weekly points as you can. Simply review the week's schedule of games, listed on entry form, and decide which game you are SUREST of picking a winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on the 16-point line, and so on down to the 1 point line, which game you figure to be a tossup. Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's designated game. If this game fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yardage from scrimmage in this game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The weekly contestant from among all participating newspapers who tallies the most of the 136 points will win $1000. Local prizes to be decided by newspapers.
2. Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
3. Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and other similar sounding team names games.
4. No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.
5. Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and merchandise promotional purposes at no charge.
6. Employees of the newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.
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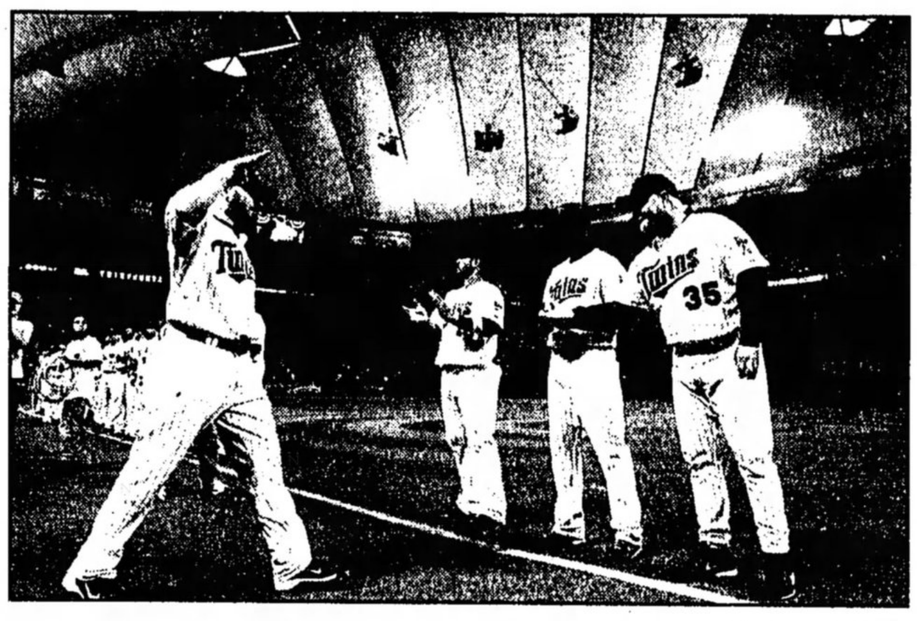
11. Limit one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant, "group" entries "systems" or other attempt to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filling out extra forms and putting your friends' and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
12. Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

SPORTS

Fitting finale for Twins' dome

Today's one-game AL playoff adds to building's colorful history.

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Columnist



Associated Press

Minnesota's Jason Kubel, left, goes out to join manager Ron Gardenire, right, Denard Span, center right, Orlando Cabrera and non-starters prior to Sunday's game against the Kansas City Royals.

It's a tough place to get nostalgic about, even as they get ready to take the baggies down for good. About the only things Minnesotans really liked about the Metrodome was that it was warm and the mosquitoes couldn't get inside.

That it will be so loud under the Teflon-coated top today that Miguel Cabrera's head will spin even if he hasn't been drinking is just a function of bad architecture. Noise bounces so crazily around the place that there are times the public address announcer can't even recognize his own voice.

The plan all along was to play the last baseball game there on Sunday, then say goodbye. But then a ball got lost in the cloudy roof, the Twins got hot, and things changed.

In its last days as a baseball stadium, the dome suddenly doesn't look so bad after all.

The brats are grilling, and the Homer Hankies are back. They might even be able to scrape off most of the yard makers from the Viking game the night before to trick people into believing it's really a baseball field.

Let Ozzie Guillen curse it. Just don't forget he's the same guy who had bad things to say about Wrigley Field, too.

As for the others? Well, maybe they just don't appreciate the beauty of the great indoors.

The Atlanta Braves certainly didn't. They felt like they had a World Series stolen from them by the Twins and their Homer Hankie-waving fans in 1991 when they lost all four games in the dome, including the final two in extra innings.

"We were the outdoor world champions in 1991, and they were the indoor world champions," said John Smoltz, who pitched in the dramatic final game won 1-0 by the Twins in 10 innings. "It closing doesn't bring a tear to my eye."

"Baseball in the Metrodome is an unnatural act," said John Schuerholz, who was general manager of the Braves at the time.

Harsh words for a stadium that crowned two World Series champions in its 28 seasons, one more than the Braves won during that time. But even Twins fans can't seem to bring themselves to find a lot of affection for the field with its cutout bases, plastic right field fence, and revolving doors that can slam you into a turnstile like you're entering a wind tunnel.

Outfielder Carlos Gomez was attacked by one of the doors before a game this year, needing two stitches to close a cut on his forehead — and people just shrugged. It was just the dome, after all.

That was part of what little charm the place had. The dome's history is filled with tales of lost balls, sagging baggies and turf so tough it scorched uniforms of players unlucky enough to slide on it.

It was built as a place where Minnesotans could enjoy baseball no matter what was happening outside. That lasted about a year before a snowstorm collapsed the inflatable roof, forcing a game to be postponed.

Things never quite worked right at the dome. I remember driving several hours to go there during a brutal heat wave one summer just to cool down for a few hours. The next day I tuned the game in on TV only to see people strung across seats suffering from heat exhaustion when the air conditioning failed.

And how many stadiums do you know that put hockey plexiglass on top of the left field wall? The Twins did, before someone figured out a hockey game wasn't going to erupt.

If there was one thing that drove Minnesotans crazy, though, it was that they had to go indoors to watch baseball. For people who spend most of their winters trying to figure out ways to get outside, it was the ultimate indignity.

Indeed, the countdown in centerfield all season long wasn't to the final game in the Metrodome. Instead, they counted down the number of days to outdoor baseball in Minneapolis.

Nearly 50 million people made their way inside the dome for baseball games over the last quarter century, but you would be hard pressed to find any that are going to miss baseball there. Most can hardly wait until Target Field opens on the other side of downtown, with a fire pit on the party deck in left field to keep fans warm on those chilly Minnesota nights.

Count the bartender at Hubert's, the closest bar to the Metrodome, as one of them. I stopped in there after a Twins game in August expecting to hear him complain about losing business because of the move.

Any tears for the dome?

"Are you kidding?" he said. "We want outdoor baseball."

Lady Rams rout West Mifflin, 9-0

Ringgold girls tune up for Wednesday's contest with Upper St. Clair.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

CARROLL TOWNSHIP — Monday's 9-0 win over West Mifflin is just what the Ringgold Lady Rams needed.

After all, they lost by a combined score of 14-1 last week at the hands of two of the three tri-leaders in Class AAA Section 5, Mt. Lebanon and Canon-McMillan.

And with the third leader, Upper St. Clair on the docket for Wednesday, the Lady Rams needed to let off some steam.

"This was good for the kids for their confidence," said Ringgold coach Tom Cameron. "It will help us as we get ready for Upper St. Clair."

While the score was lopsided, Ringgold did not score until the 11:47 mark of the first half when Mo Mathies scored from 35-yards out.

"Mo has a great shot," said Cameron. "We moved her to midfield tonight and we tried something a little different and it worked."

Just under two minutes later, Mathies took a pass from Angela Beck and made the score 2-0.

Mathies gave the Lady Rams a spark as they scored three more times before halftime to take a 5-0 lead.

Leah Pascarella, Ali Dimoff and Amanda Flament added the other three first-half tallies.

Dimoff scored again in the second half as did Michelle Bassi, Amy Bracken and Beck.

Beck finished with two assists while Sarah Lutz, Angela Shelby, Nicole Wills, Bassi, Mathies and Bracken each added one.

"We passed well and that is the key to this thing," Cameron said of being a successful team. "I told the team before the game that we needed to improve our ball movement and we were able to do that tonight."

Laura Guarinoni and Rachel Stilley combined for the shutout for Ringgold (5-8, 3-6), which had a 29-2 advantage in shots.

"The girls had fun and it is good to get back in the winning column," Cameron said. "We played 28 girls tonight, and that is good because some of the freshmen don't get the chance to play varsity minutes."

BVA edges Connellsville

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

Girls' soccer roundup

Belle Vernon Area soccer coach Paul Sasko expected his Lady Leps to have a tough Class AAA Section 6 soccer game at Connellsville Monday night.

He was right.

The Lady Leps remained deadlocked for first place with Southmoreland with a 1-0 win over the Lady Falcons.

"We struggled tonight and Connellsville always plays us tough at their place," said Sasko. "With the way we played, I'm just glad that we were able to come out with a win."

Kylee Heck scored in the first half with Lindsay Lash recording her eighth shutout.

The Lady Leps host Albert Gallatin Wednesday.

Jeannette 2, Monessen 1

The Lady Greyhounds had a two-game winning streak in Class AA Section 6 snapped with the defeat in overtime. Sophomore Natawsja Sosnak scored her 11th goal for Monessen (4-6-1, 2-5-1), which played to a 2-2 tie with the Lady Jayhawks in their first meeting.

Monessen hosts front-running Mt. Pleasant Wednesday.

South Park 5, Charleroi 0

The Lady Cougars were blanked for the third time and second by the Class AA Section 1 leaders.

Charleroi (6-8, 3-6) hosts South Fayette Wednesday.

Mt. Lebanon 3, EF 0

The Lady Warriors lost their third straight and were shut out for the seventh time by the Class AAA Section 5 tri-leaders.

Elizabeth (3-9, 2-6) goes to West Mifflin Wednesday.

SPORTS DIGEST

BVA golfers win section title again

Belle Vernon Area's golfers downed Ringgold, 194-220, at Cedarbrook Monday for their second straight Division I Section 2 title.

Kyle Naden took medalist honors for the Leps (14-1, 13-1).

The Leps are expected to play in the WPIAL team semifinals at Donegal Highlands Wednesday, Oct. 14 with the top three from the eight-team field advancing to the WPIAL team championship at Cedarbrook Monday, Oct. 19.

California seventh in region rankings

California University's football team is seventh in the first Super Regional One ranking. Bloomsburg tops the list followed by Charleston, W.Va., Edinboro, Slippery Rock, East Stroudsburg and Bentley, Mass.

California golfers second in tourney

California University's golf team finished second in its invitational tourney Monday at Cedarbrook.

Indiana topped the 13-team field with a 24-over par 600, 19 ahead of the Vulcans.

Bryan Bustamante made the best showing for the Vulcans with a 147 to tie for eighth. Clarion's Jared Schmader took medalist honors with a 140.

Charleroi in volleyball win

Charleroi High's volleyball team edged Carmichaels, 3-2, for its first win of the season.

After winning the first two matches,25-19 and 26-24, the Lady Cougars lost 26-24 and 25-22 before winning the final match, 15-6.

Charleroi booters down Bentworth

Charleroi Middle School's soccer tam beat Bentworth, 3-1. Scoring for the Little Cougars were Marissa Johnson, Jeremiah Hyatt and Nick Gavazzi, Joey Gaso scored for Bentworth.

BVA cagers split with Laurel Highlands

Belle Vernon Area Middle School's girl basketball teams split with Laurel Highlands. The eighth graders (7-5) were a 42-15 loser with Ashley Seman's seven points high. Kaitlyn Slagus had 14 points for the seventh graders (4-1) in a 39-24 victory.

Duquesne cager facing charges

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Duquesne University sophomore guard B.J. Monteiro is facing charges in his native Connecticut that resulted from the alleged theft of an iPod, a laptop computer and cash

Police in Torrington, Conn., say the items stolen at an Aug. 7 party have a total value of $1,400.

Monteiro and two others, including one juvenile, turned themselves into police in Torrington over the weekend and were charged with third-degree larceny and conspiracy to commit third-degree larceny. They are scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 13.

Trivia answer

Verron Haynes.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

California State College's golfers won the ECAC South Division title near Philadelphia with Dale Vietmeier and Ed Vietmeier leading the way with 74 and 75, respectively.

20 Years Ago

The Pittsburgh Penguins opened the season with a 5-4 loss in Boston. All of the Bruins' goals came on power plays.

Ringgold upped its Section 2 record to10-0 with a 4-0 win over Laurel Highlands behind three Jason Ruttenberg goals.

Ryan Gargan had five goals and Mike Posey three in Belle Vernon Area's 13-0 romp over Washington.

10 Years Ago

Dave Seydor had two goals in Belle Vernon Area's 5-4 overtime loss to Laurel Highlands.

Rob Maglicic scored both goals in Charleroi's 2-0 win over Beth-Center.

Ringgold topped McGuffey, 2-0, on goals by Mike Tirpak and Joe Satina.

The Penguins' Jaromir Jagr was the highest pa'd player in Pittsburgh history with an one-year contract at $10,358,852.

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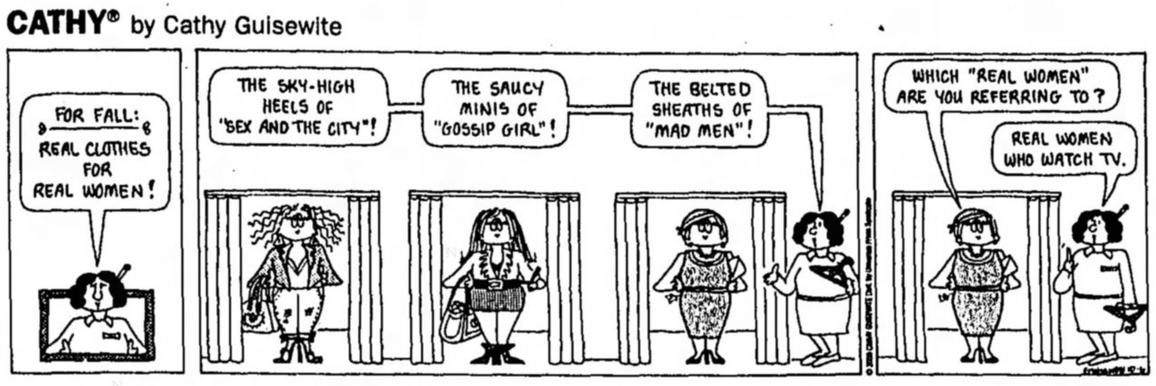
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I THOUGHT YOU'D BE FROTHING AT THE MOUTH OR SOMETHING.
SO DID I!

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I THINK BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, MY PLAN WILL BE WORKING
CAN YOU REALLY SEE THAT FAR AHEAD?
LAN 254
IN THIS AREA
LIST OF DONTS
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OH, YES. IN FACT, I CAN SEE TWO YEARS FROM NOW WHEN MY PLAN WILL BE A COMPLETE DISASTER
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I'M AS SHOCKED AS YOU ARE
I WAS SO SURE THAT ARCHIE WOULD DECIDE TO MARRY BETTY INSTEAD OF VERONICA
HEY, I DON'T SEE WHY HE DIDN'T TRY TO MARRY BOTH, BRO

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-STROMOSKI-

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I'M GOING TO POSITION MYSELF RIGHT HERE!
VOTE HERE
THAT WAY, THE LAST THING PEOPLE SEE BEFORE THEY GO INTO THE VOTING BOOTH WILL BE MY FACE!
EW. YOU'VE GOT A GINORMOUS ZIT ON YOUR FOREHEAD.
NICE STRATEGY!
I'M GOING TO POSITION MYSELF OVER THERE.
EW.

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HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO COME TO THIS AREA TO DO SOME FISHING, MARK?
A WILDLIFE RANGER FRIEND OF MINE TOLD US WHERE THE FISHING WAS GOOD!
DOES YOUR FRIEND WORK IN THIS AREA?
YES, WE'LL STOP BY HIS OFFICE ON THE WAY HOME AND TELL HIM HOW MUCH WE ENJOYED OUR TRIP!
JACK ELROD
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SUDOKU

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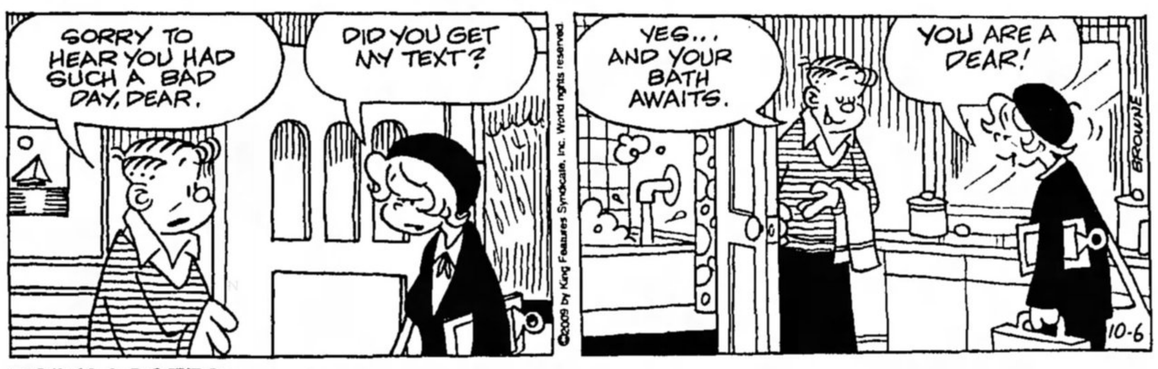

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WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING TAXES?
THE INFERNAL REVENUE SERVICE!
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I'LL SAY! IT'S GOING WAY DOWN, JUST LIKE MY STOCK PORTFOLIO!!
ALL IT EVER DOES IS GO WAY, WAY DOWN!! ALL THE WAY TO THE BOTTOM!!
WELL?! ARE YOU GETTING IN OR NOT?!
UH, I THINK I'LL WAIT FOR THE NEXT ONE
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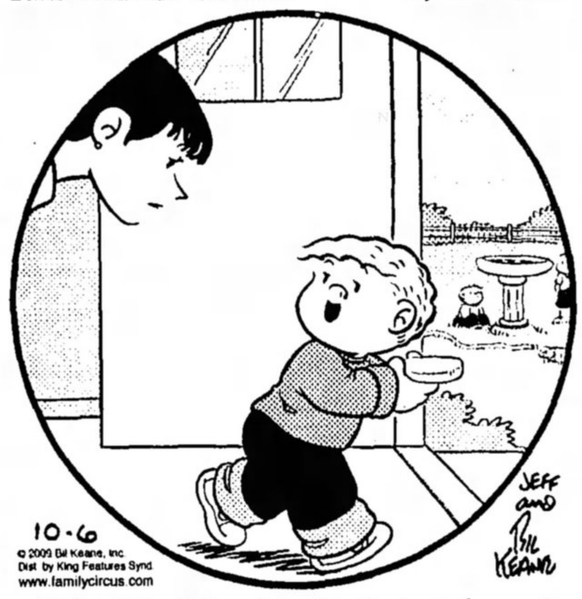

"We filled the birdbath but forgot the soap."

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1 Pouch
4 Reach across
8 Dazzle
11 Nest-egg letters
12 Car steering option
13 Laze around
15 Haul along
16 Free
18 Work dough
20 Arranged
21 Drain cleaner
23 Cry of discovery
24 Winged Victory
27 Garr or Hatcher
29 CEO degree
32 Actor — Montand
33 Lump of dirt
34 Sounds of hesitation
35 Electric fish
36 Phony
37 Tall flower
38 Cookbook amt.
39 Ms. Horne
40 Roast cooker
41 Lend a hand
42 Spotted
44 Tomato jelly
47 Does perfectly
51 Went skin diving
55 Foldaway bed
56 Walk in the woods
57 Strong wind
58 Acid rain watchdog
59 Turner or Koppel
60 Workout locales
61 Immovable

DOWN

1 Lingerie material
2 Make — — for it
3 Enclosure
4 Scrutinize
5 ATM code
6 Pacino and Hirt
7 Ultimate degree
8 Bauxite giant
9 Stir-fry pans
10 High-fashion mag
14 Directed
17 Plant parasite
19 Malt beverages
22 Worked with acid
23 Coffee shop lures
24 Moscow turndown
25 Currier and —
26 Health-food buy
28 Flair
29 Vanna's boss
30 Soft ripe cheese
31 Part of NBA
36 Icy
37 Davenport's state
41 Hung in the sun
43 Pampas backdrop
44 Gray shade
45 Nasty mood
46 Elbow
48 Low-fat desserts
49 Go at an easy gait
50 ASAP
52 Omelet ingredient
53 Recline
54 Disappearing tree

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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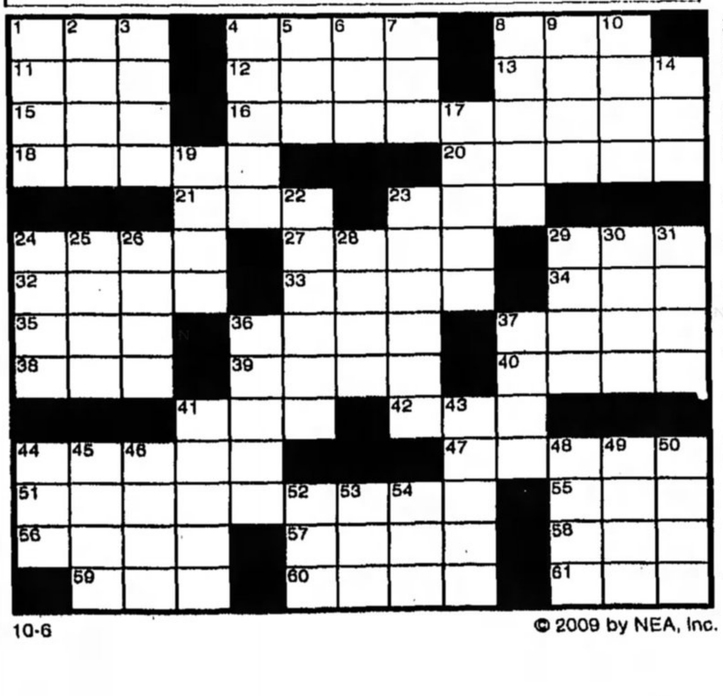

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FEATURES

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Rostraver Woman's Club

The Rostraver Woman's Club opened its year in September at the Nostalgic Guest House in Belle Vernon.

Melanie Patterson conducted a tour of the facility. Patterson and hostesses Susan Aten, Barb Vandermer and Marie Bialon served refreshments.

President Kelly Startare offered a welcome and led the flag pledge and club collect.

Vandermer, assistant secretary, read prior meeting minutes. Alice Bialon presented the treasurer's report. Fine Arts Chairwoman Leamar Gilmore distributed entry rules the Fine Arts Competition set for March.

The wrapping paper fundraiser will continue this month under Mary Stark-Hluben's direction. Tanya Chaney discussed programs and encouraged members to participate in fun and special activities planned for club members and guests.

Vandermer, education chairwoman, challenged members to Read Write Win again this year and and discussed the summer reading of "The Last Lecture."

On Sept. 12, the club conducted a Calendar Party at the Presbyterian Church in Belle Vernon. Hostesses decorated themed tables and served appetizers and drinks. The club provided lunch and awarded door prizes. A Chinese auction took place and guests went home with many wonderful items. As entertainment, Johanna Harden, of Foster Tweeds-Vintage Fashion Shows modeled fashions of the 1960s and 1970s, which had the ladies recalling their closets full of such clothing.

It was the major annual fundraiser for the club.

Marie Bialon received the most votes for the best-decorated table for October.

The club will next meet Wednesday at Fells United Methodist Church in Rostraver Township. It will be the annual Guest Night and Harvest Cook-Off.

To join the club, call (724) 684-8487 or visit rostraverwomansclub.tripod.com.

Jones to lead revival in Donora

St. Paul Baptist Church, McKean Avenue, Donora, will sponsor its annual Fall Revival 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

The Rev. Dr. Kaiser Wilhelm Jones, senior pastor at the Refuge Missionary Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio, will lead services.

Local church officials will serve as worship leaders. Area choirs will perform.

On Wednesday officials from the First Baptist Church of Donora will serve as devotional leaders. The Mt. Olivet Baptist Church choir, Uniontown, will perform.

On Thursday, officials from the Gate of Heaven Church of God in Christ, Monessen will serve as devotional leaders. The Highland Baptist Church choir, Connellsville, will perform.

On Friday the St. Paul Baptist Church praise team will lead the worship service. Its choir will perform.

Jones is a Donora High School graduate. He was called to the ministry at age 16 under the spiritual mentorship of the Rev. Dr. Maurice Wade, Whole Truth pastor.

He served as a youth minister and counselor under Wade's direction. Jones received a bachelor of science degree in accounting and business administration from East Tennessee State University.

He received master of divinity and doctor of divinity degrees from the New World Bible Institute.

Jones has served as pastor at churches in South Carolina, the Union Baptist Church in Pittsburgh and Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Uniontown.

Jones has been a guest lecturer at Lincoln University and the University of Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Hilda, live in Columbus, Ohio.

IN THE SERVICE

LaRose completes basic training

U.S. Army Pvt. Michael A. LaRose completed basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. The son of Stephanie Renner, of Belle Vernon, he is a 2005 Charleroi Area High School graduate.

Clergy Appreciation Month

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CALENDAR WATCH

Wednesday

■ Chicken and biscuit dinner, Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Roscoe, 2 to 6 p.m.

■ Rummage sale, South Brownsville United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Innovations in H1N1 Flu Treatment, Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, Monongahela Valley Hospital 6 p.m.

■ Breast Cancer Support Group meeting, Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, Monongahela Valley Hospital 6 p.m.

■ Apple strudel sale pickups, Our Lady of the Valley Church, St. Dominic worship site, Donora, noon to 5:30 p.m.

■ American Legion Auxiliary District Council meeting, American Legion Post 175, Washington, 10:30 a.m.

■ Angel Food Ministry registration, First Presbyterian Church, 609 Chess St., Monongahela, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Speaking for Ourselves meeting, Tri-County Patriots for Independent Living office, Charleroi, 209 Fifth St., 4:30 p.m.

■ Donora Library board of directors meeting, library, 6 p.m.

■ Allison Lescanic Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1190, Monessen, meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7 p.m.

■ Knights of Columbus Council 954, Monessen, meeting, headquarters, Grand Boulevard, officers, 6:30 p.m., members, 7:30 p.m.

■ Rostraver Woman's Club Guest Night, Fells United Methodist Church, Rostraver Township, 7 to 9 p.m.

■ Ringgold Rams Gridiron Club meeting, high school room 133, 7 p.m.

■ Sons of the American Legion meeting, James C. Ford American Legion Post 949, Carroll Township, 8 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Monessen School Board plans meeting

The Monessen School Board will conduct an information meeting 7:30 p.m. today in the elementary center board room.

Council 956 sets meeting

Father William D. Fries Knights of Columbus Council 956 Charleroi will meet Thursday as follows at 702 Fallowfield Ave.: Rosary recitation, 7:15 p.m.; business, 7:30 p.m.

Middle Eastern Dinner planned in Monessen

A Middle Eastern Dinner will take place 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church, 1201 Patton Ave., Monessen. The menu will comprise kibbee, meat pie, grape leaves, Syrian rice with sauce and green beans, salad, baklawa, and beverage. For tickets, call Joan at (724) 483-8884 or Lora at (724) 344-0831.

Space available

The Monessen Senior Center has seats available on the following trips: Oct. 14 – Meadows Casino, near Washington, leaving center, 1 p.m., leaving casino. 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 28 – Wheeling Island, W.Va., leaving center, 11 a.m., leaving casino, 6 p.m. For information, call Lou Ann at (724) 684-6105 or Carl at (412) 512-5353.

Donora Historical Society conducting holiday sales

The Donora Historical Society is accepting orders for Christmas wreaths, garland or roping, candy canes and crosses. The wreaths, candy canes and crosses are Frasier fir, and come with a weatherproof red velvet bow and are dipped to preserve needle retention. The garland or roping is made of long-needle white pine. To order, call (724) 379-5693 or (724) 379-7750 by Oct. 29. Pickups will be at the Donora Smog Museum, McKean Avenue, Donora during Thanksgiving week. The society also will sell Christmas cards.

Bridge of Hope plans meeting

The Bridge of Hope Nar-Anon family group will meet 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Fayette County Health Center, 100 New Salem Road, Uniontown. Nar-Anon comprises people who have been affected by abuse of drugs by a family member or friend.

Programs set at YMCA

Highmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield and the Mon Valley YMCA will offer the following at the YMCA, 101 Taylor Run Road, Carroll Township:

Eat Well for Life I, designed to discover easy meal-planning tools, smart shopping strategies and healthy ways to cook. The four-week session runs 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 21 through Nov. 14.

Personal Nutrition Coaching, which is one-on-one counseling by a registered dietitian. It is designed to explore such situations as weight management, heart health and diabetes.

The programs are free to Highmark members. Nonmembers will face fees. Pre-registration and proof of insurance are required. For information, call (724) 483-8077 or visit www.monvalleyymca.org.

Spaghetti, ravioli dinner scheduled

The Holy Name Society of the Church of St. Anne in Rostraver Township will sponsor a spaghetti and ravioli dinner noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Takeouts will be available beginning at noon.

The Poproskys took *The Valley Independent* on vacation to Hawaii. Seated, from left, are Peggy Poprosky Rattay, of Monessen; Susan Poprosky Black, of West Minster, Col.; and John "Gorpo" Poprosky, of Monessen; and standing, Chelsea Black, of Westminster; Margaret Poprosky, of Monessen; and Cliff Highman and Alyssa Black, of West Minster.

When you make the grade

When submitting news items for our Making the Grade feature, please include the first and last names of all listed.

In addition, include a telephone number, just in case we have any questions about your submission.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: O equals J

"O V N G G C T B J R U K T L E T G C P G P E R R L S R R B F N P U P F G F J E R J T P G G C T T J L R W P K R J E L P A I P B T N G C P G L P A C P H H F T X." - B P G C K T T J J R X X F N

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "The first pitch to Tucker Ashford is grounded into left field. No... it's ball one." - Announcer Jerry Coleman

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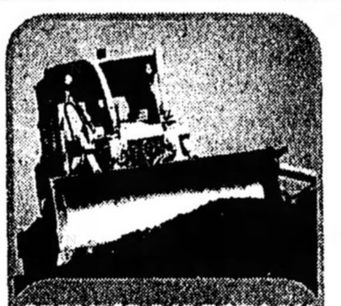

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1040/MEDICAL

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Greensburg, PA 15601-1690
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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

ESTATE NOTICE

Letters testamentary on the Estate of EMORY P. FABIAN late of Westmoreland County, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Westmoreland County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to:

Phyllis A. Scott,
Executor
21 Keystone Drive
Monessen, PA 15062

Cheryl Fox, Executor
4945 East Cheery
Lynn Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85018
9/29,10/6,13

2020/BID NOTICES

Lumber
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for the furnishing, "delivering and/or pickup" of "Varied Types of Lumber" for Washington County, Washington, PA 15301 will be received at the Office of the County Controller, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 403, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301, until 11:00 A.M. Prevailing Time, on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 and immediately thereafter will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Office, Room 402 of the Washington County Courthouse Square Building. (Late bids are not accepted).

Washington County will not be responsible for any incorrect information obtained from any other source other than from Washington County.

All bids must be submitted as 1 ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Please also submit proposal in a word or pdf file format on compact disc. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County web site at www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site.

Bid Securities
Are Not Required

SEALED BID ENVELOPE MUST BE MARKED:

BID: LUMBER
CONTRACT:
#110409-2LU

The Washington County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bid proposals.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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ATTEST:

MARY HELICKE
CHIEF CLERK
10/6,13

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724-797-0644

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APPLIANCE REPAIR Center.
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2020/BID NOTICES

NOTICE TO REFUSE HAULERS

Council of the Borough of Dunlevy, Washington County, Pennsylvania will receive bids for Refuse Collection to be made in the Borough of Dunlevy for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2010, and option of the Borough for two (2) one-year extensions. Bids will be received at a regular meeting of Council to be held Tuesday, November 10th, 2009, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. All bids must be received prior to 6:00 p.m., November 10th, 2009, in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside 'REFUSE COLLECTION BID" and dated for November 10th, 2009, opening. All bids will be opened and read aloud. The Borough reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bidders are to familiarize themselves with the confines of the Borough limits and acquaint themselves with the number of customers to be served. To assist bidders in the customer counts, the Borough counts 190 residences and three (3) neighborhood businesses. The businesses excluded from this contract are to be found in the contract documents.

Bidders must be in the possession of a small vehicle capable of collecting refuse on two streets within the borough that cannot be accessed by the large refuse collection vehicles. Bidder must stipulate in bid the refuse they will not collect from residents. Bidder must stipulate if they have a number limit for garbage cans/bags, etc. for residents.

The form of contract which contains specifications and performance bond requirements and insurance requirements may be obtained from the Borough Secretary, Stephanie Pieri by calling (724) 483-3672 ext. 2 or her home at (724) 483-7028.

The bids will be received through the mail, addressed to the Borough of Dunlevy, P.O. Box 18, Dunlevy, Pennsylvania, 15432. It is the responsibility of the bidder to meet the requirement that the bids be received prior to 6:00 o'clock p.m., November 10th, 2009.

BOROUGH OF DUNLEVY
Stephanie Pieri
Borough Secretary
10/1,6

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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
Concise Financial Report
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2008

BALANCE SHEET

Current assets	$129,365
Fixed assets, net	14,769
Total Assets	144,134
Current liabilities	4,727
Fund Equity	139,407
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	144,134

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS

Operating Revenues	$108,113
Operating Expenses	(69,660)
Operating Income (Loss)	38,453
Non-operating Revenue (Expense)	(19,121)
Net Income	19,332
Beginning Retained Earnings	120,075
Ending Retained Earnings	$139,407

The above selected financial information is provided in compliance with Section 8 of the Municipality Authorities Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The complete audit report of the Authority is available for public inspection in the Authority offices in Daisytown, Pennsylvania during regular business hours.

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2030/MEETING NOTICES

NOTICE
MEETING TIME CHANGE

The start time for the October 8, 2009 meeting of the Fallowfield Township Municipal Authority will be at: 11 AM instead of 7 PM at the Township Municipal Building.

Ron Podwika,
Secretary
10/6

4010/CEMETERY LOTS

2 LEVEL LOTS at MV Memorial Park in Well of Semaria section, near main road, across from old school. $945 for both. 724-929-4578

4070/LOST & FOUND

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4130/EVENT TICKETS

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5000/APPAREL & JEWELRY

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5020/ARTICLES

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3060/FOR SALE/WASH.

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SPEERS- Charleroi Schools, 3 bedroom 1½ bath brick ranch, integral garage, fenced yard. Asking $98,000 to settle estate. Call 724-326-4050 or 724-812-2078.

3065/FOR SALE/WMLD.

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5020/ARTICLES

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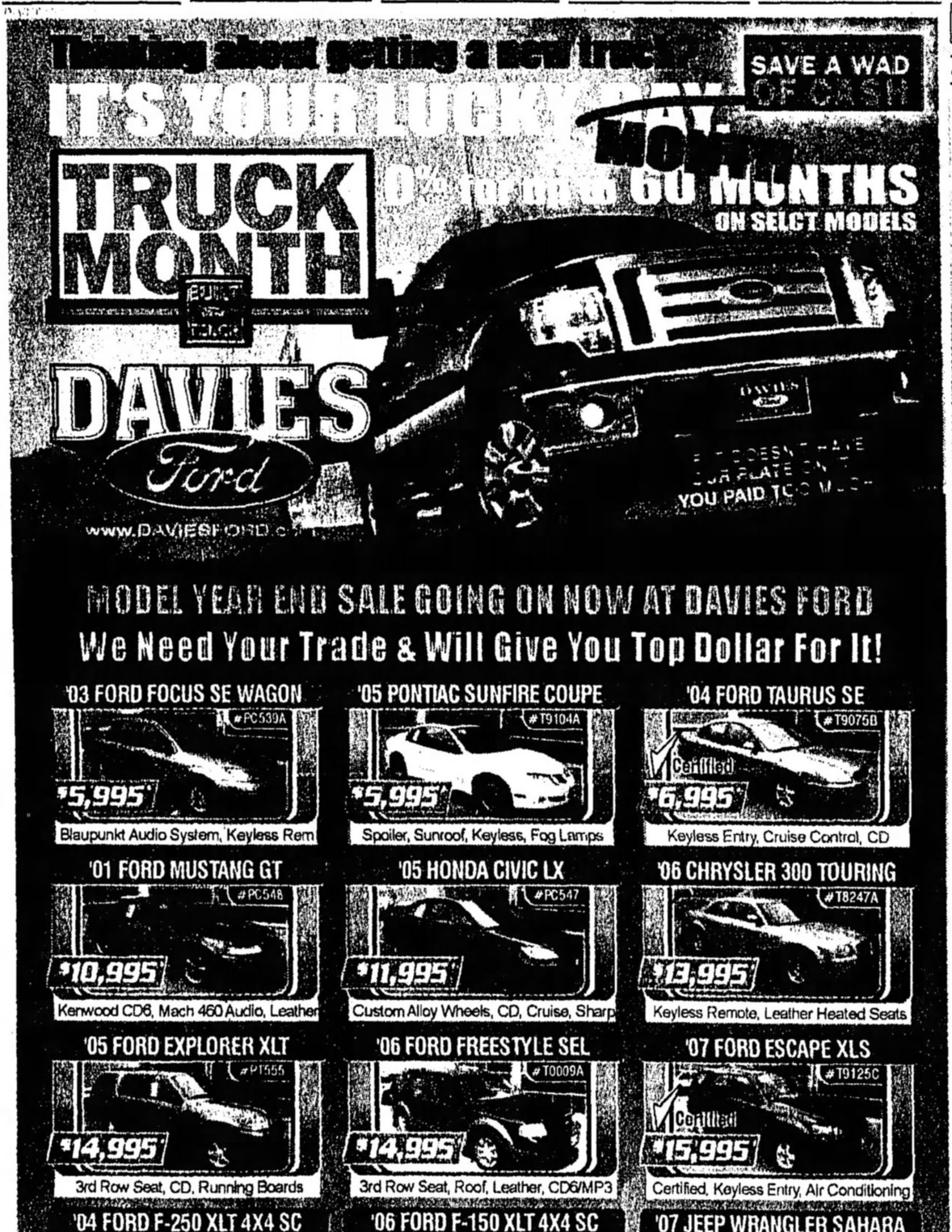

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LIBRA
September 23 through October 23

Even if you get involved in an easily launched venture that promises a quick return, develop things in a slow, precise manner so you don't miss something that could be bigger than you thought. The payoff will validate your wisdom.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- In a partnership arrangement, you will have a much better relationship if what you want for yourself is what you want for your partner. Success comes more easily when the goal is a common one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Putting limitations on your intentions will prove self-defeating, so once you know what you want to do and where you want to go, don't hold back. Pull out all the stops; don't plug them up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Of course, you need to be cautious and prudent in handling your affairs, but not excessively so. If conditions call for taking a calculated risk, you need to seriously consider doing just that.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Keep any casual conversations with friends buoyant and breezy. Conversely, when the subject matter turns serious, be as pragmatic and critical as possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Take adequate time to carefully analyze all developments with regard to your commercial affairs. Once you weigh all the alternatives, only then make decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Although your spouse's modus operandi might be more tedious than yours, the results are also likely to be better. Follow his or her lead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- When faced with more than one way to make a few extra bucks, stick to the tried-and-true. Familiar methods will bring more financial success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You might have the opportunity to get to know a longtime acquaintance on a more personal level. You will like what you see, and you could develop a close friendship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Although you tend to take life in a lighter vein, you will objectively view those in your charge with a crystal-clear eye. It isn't your tendency to be strict, but you might want to correct what bothers you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- A social acquaintance might approach you with a business proposition. Be sure to keep friendship out of the picture, and study matters in a purely systematic and practical manner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- It will be much easier to handle a financial matter -- business or personal -- if you view everything in a serious way. You can be both friendly and pragmatic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Be imaginative in your approach when discussing a serious matter with a friend, and you'll get further quicker. You'll know how to make your points without jeopardizing the relationship.